

Kentmere Academy and Nursery

Smoking Policy



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This policy follows the follows guidelines produced by Rochdale Local Authority.

Mission statement

We are proud to be a happy, diverse and inclusive school where everybody matters.

School Aims

- **H**elping to challenge inspire and motivate each other.
- **A**iming high, achieving excellence.
- **P**romote and value excellent progress.
- **P**ositive contributions to the school and wider community.
- **Y**OU CREATE YOUR OWN FUTURE!

Aim: To create a smoke-free school

Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide a smoke-free school environment for everyone,
- To provide young people with a consistent message regarding tobacco use and provide appropriate role models.

Rationale

1. Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.
2. Second hand Smoke – “breathing other people’s tobacco smoke” causes at least 13,000 people in the UK to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day. (ASH)
3. Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.
4. Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking adult role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people’s exposure to seeing smoking and being in a smoking environment. (ASH, 2004)
5. Schools have a major role to play in the education of children into the harmful effects and prevention of smoking.
6. The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.

Restrictions on smoking within the school

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the school's premises, including kitchens, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, sports pitches, walkway etc.) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this total smoking ban will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work.

This policy applies to employees, parents, and visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the schools premises or vehicles.

This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and out of school hours. This includes all social and sporting events, and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings /events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

Non-compliance by pupils will be dealt with in accordance with the schools Disciplinary Procedure. Pupils will also be offered stop smoking support.

Designated smoking areas

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises.

Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace are provided although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking if they require it. (See paragraph 8.0)

Vehicles

The smoking ban will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees and pupils in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting the Tobacco cessation group; Rochdale's Stop Smoking Service. The services offered include group and one-to-one therapy. Advice can also be sought from the NHS and Early Break.

Where practicable, requests from employees and pupils to attend smoking cessation programmes during working hours will be supported.

Education and Publicity

Suitable posters and No Smoking Signs will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a Smoke-free working environment.

Appointments

This school is a No Smoking school and this is made clear within all its appointments, procedures, staff handbooks and the school prospectus.

Links

- Health and Safety

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

- Healthy Schools

The policy was developed following recommended good practice from the Health Schools Programme.

- Drug Education

Cigarettes contain tobacco which is a drug, thus linking the School's Smoke-free Policy to drug education and opportunities within the DfES guidance (2004).

E-Cigarettes

E-cigarettes, personal vaporizers (PVs), and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) are battery operated devices that mimic tobacco smoking and are often used as a replacement for cigarettes. They produce a vapour, including flavoured aromas either with or without nicotine, rather than traditional smoke.

We do not permit these at Kentmere Academy and the same rules apply as mentioned above. This decision has been reached as we are a professional organisation and role models to our pupils. Also such devices could cause upset to other workers, particularly if they are pregnant or trying to give up smoking themselves.

Some experts have questioned the safety of chemicals used in e-cigarettes, and the British Medical Association (BMA) says that more research is needed to establish the effectiveness and safety of the devices as a nicotine-replacement therapy.

The vapour from E-cigarettes might be annoying to some employees and could potentially provide a health risk for others through passive consumption (like passive smoking) as the long term health effects of E-cigarettes are unknown

Review

This policy is to be reviewed every two years.

For further information

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the Smoking Policy contact your local lead within the School.

(Mrs S.Isberg & Mrs N. Howard).

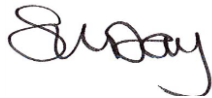
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Sarah Isberg (headteacher)

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Agreed by the Governing Body:



Simon Day - Chair of Governors

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