



HOPE VIEW SCHOOL

SMOKING POLICY

Hope View School is a non-smoking establishment. Smoking is not permitted by staff, pupils or visitors anywhere within the school building or the premises and includes the use of tobacco products, chemical or “E” Cigarettes and vaporisers.

Why do we need a no-smoking policy?

At Hope View School we value the health and well-being of all within our community as a key priority. We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being, and is also a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will affect the raising of standards.

It is important to us, that our policy and approach to smoking should reflect changing social attitudes, and actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drugs education.

What is the policy?

It is the policy of Hope View School, that smoking will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on the school premises. This includes:

- All school buildings
- All school grounds (including the school playing fields)
- All off-site activities
- All educational and other visits
- All outside lettings

The policy applies to **EVERYONE** involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Taxi drivers
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our no-smoking policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

As part of that strategy, we will:

- a) Ensure that the policy is regularly made known to all concerned, including; staff, pupils, parents/carers, voluntary helpers and hirers. This will include the display of no-smoking signs.
- b) Offer all practical support to anyone in the school community who is seeking to stop smoking.

- c) Keep a regular check on the school premises to ensure that they are clear of any smoking related litter.
- d) Regularly make pupils aware of the policy and ensure no one is bringing any kind of smoking equipment or materials into school.
- d) Support the reasoning behind the no smoking policy through our drug education programme within PSHEE.

Staff and Visitors

Whilst it is appreciated that staff and visitors may be smokers any member of staff found in breach of this policy will be dealt with under the school's disciplinary procedures. Visitors, hirers or contractors to the school found in breach of this regulation will be asked to leave the premises.

Pupils

Pupils are not permitted to smoke anywhere on or near the school premises, this also includes during journeys to and from school in their taxis. Pupils should not bring any form of smoking equipment into school, e.g. lighters, cigarettes, tobacco, cigarette papers. Any pupil who is suspected of being in possession of smoking equipment can expect to be asked to hand the materials over to a member of staff. Failure to comply will result in the pupil be searched. All smoking equipment found will be confiscated and, passed to Senior Management.

Any pupil found or suspected to have been smoking during school time, either on the premises or during an activity which may take place away from the school site can be expected to receive a period of exclusion for breaking this rule.

Links with other Policies:

Disciplinary Procedures

Exclusions Policy

Drugs Policy

PSHEE Policy

Responsible Person: Mrs C Lorne – Headteacher

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