



Escrick C of E Primary School

No Smoking/Vaping Policy

Aims

This policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of employees, members and visitors
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke
- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop

Restrictions on Smoking

In accordance with law on smoking in public places, Escrick C of E Primary School will not allow smoking or vaping in the building. It is the policy of Escrick C of E Primary School, that smoking or vaping will not be allowed anywhere on the school premises, including the playing fields and car park. Smoking is not permitted in vehicles or any vehicles being used on school business. The school will also not permit smoking or vaping at any school off-site activities, or during educational and other visits.

The above applies to everyone involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site
- Anyone attending an outside letting

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

Roles and Responsibilities

Head teacher - it is the responsibility of the Head teacher to implement the school no smoking policy and to ensure that all staff are aware of policy and how to deal with any reported incidents. The Head teacher reports to the governing body about the No Smoking/Vaping Policy and its effectiveness on request. The Head teacher ensures that all children, parents and visitors know that smoking or vaping is not allowed in school.

Staff - all staff take the issue of smoking seriously. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking policy and will intervene where smoking is seen or reported. However, they are not



expected to enter into any confrontation, which may put their personal safety at risk. They keep their own records and report these to the Head teacher.

Governing Body - the Governing Body support the Head teacher in all attempts to ban smoking or vaping within our school grounds. This policy statement makes it very clear that the governing body does not allow smoking to take place in our school.

Children - the children are required to learn of the health risks associated with smoking and to understand that smoking or vaping is not allowed within our school. This is facilitated through our PSHE curriculum.

Disciplinary Action

Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, stop using their e-cigarette and/or leave the premises. Staff and pupils that breach the no smoking policy will be disciplined appropriately.

Monitoring and review

The Head teacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of this policy on request, monitors this policy on a day-to-day basis

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