

# St. Patrick's Primary School



## No - Smoking Policy

Adopted by the Board of Governors on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012.

Reviewed Annually

Next Review Date: Autumn, 2023.

**Introduction**

This school acknowledges that smoking and breathing other people's tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and a health issue and therefore has decided to protect both pupils and staff from the harmful effects of smoke by introducing a No Smoking Policy.

**This Policy aims to:**

- Provide an environment where good health is promoted for all.
- Highlight to all who use this school site that it is a 'smoke free' environment.
- Enable the school to tackle smoking-related issues.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and reinforce the school's health education programme.
- Satisfy Section 2(2)(e) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, which places a duty on employers to provide a working environment for employees that is 'safe, *without risks to health*, and adequate as regards *facilities and arrangements* for their welfare at work.'
- Take account of the needs of those who are addicted to smoking and to offer an avenue of support for those who wish to stop.

**School Environment**

- The school site is an entirely smoke free environment. Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds or in the school buildings including toilets, corridors, staff room, car park and play areas.
- This policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors when they are put on the school site.
- Signs will be put up to remind all visitors of the school's smoke free policy.
- Smoking signs are prominently displayed around the school grounds reflecting the school's stance to smoking on site. Signage will be displayed both internally and externally.

- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or buildings at any time. This includes school events held outside normal school hours.
- Organisations and clubs who use the school's premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the school's No Smoking Policy.
- All transport provided or contracted by the school is smoke free.
- Teachers, parent helpers and staff are expected to refrain from smoking on all school trips.

## **Securing Compliance**

### **Staff**

- The teaching staff and Governors must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that cigarette smoking and second hand smoke does to health and are also aware of the nature of tobacco addiction.
- Staff will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching for each Key Stage.
- Where possible, staff should link with the wider community and are encouraged to use the knowledge and materials of outside agencies.
- Activities around smoking in schools should compliment a community-wide programme of action. Messages should be consistent with and support each other.
- Staff are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site.
- Staff will not smoke in front of pupils during educational visits.
- Details of the Want2Stop service will be available to those staff who wish to quit. Details and leaflets offering support will be available in the staff room, on school notice boards and from the school nurse.
- All staff will be provided with a copy of this policy and all new staff will be alerted to the existence of the smoke free environment at interview.
- Breaches of this policy will be subject to the normal disciplinary procedures.

**Pupils**

As part of our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy smoking is not permitted while pupils are on school premises or engaged in school related activities outside the school.

**Parents and Adult Helpers**

- Parents/adult helpers will be reminded annually that the school site is a smoke free environment.
- Parent/adult helpers are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school grounds.
- Parents will be discouraged from smoking at entrances and exits to the school site whilst collecting their child.
- Parents/adult helpers will be asked to refrain from smoking when assisting on any school trips/events.

**Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site**

- All contractors, visitors and users of the school site must be informed of the school's No Smoking Policy on signing in at reception and are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site.
- Adequate signage will act as a reminder.
- Contractors, visitors and users of the school site should be discouraged from smoking at exits and entrances to the school grounds, especially in view of pupils.
- Smoking inside work vehicles on site is not permitted.
- Breaches of the school's No Smoking Policy by contractors should be reported to the relevant company via the Principal.

**Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

- This Policy has been devised in full consultation with staff and Governors.
- The Governors and leadership team will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing the policy and will regularly monitor pupils,

staff and other adults using the school site to ensure compliance. Overall responsibility for this policy ultimately rests with the Principal.

- All teaching staff will ensure that the curriculum provides education on the dangers of smoking and second hand smoke, preferably emphasising the benefits of not smoking.
- The Governors will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.
- This policy is available to view on request

**The use of Nicotine Containing Products (NPCs), of which e-cigarettes are the most common form, is also prohibited on the school site.**

### **Monitoring And Review**

This policy adopted by the Board Of Governors on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2012.

This policy was reviewed on: 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2013.

2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014.

10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

15<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

27<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

27<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

20<sup>th</sup> December, 2021.

20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

It is reviewed annually by staff.