

ROWAN GATE PRIMARY SCHOOL



NO SMOKING POLICY

POLICY REVIEW

This policy has been reviewed in line with the following: (Reviewer please tick box)

a) Ensuring the policy is up to date and meets mandatory requirements

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b) Ensuring the policy is fit for purpose and that practice adheres to the policy.

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Policy will be reviewed again in

February 2027

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This school policy reflects the consensus of opinion of the whole teaching and support staff and has the full agreement of the governing body.

Rowan Gate Primary School is a strictly No Smoking Site, including the use of E cigarettes/ vaporisers.

This school operates a No Smoking Policy

Rowan Gate Primary School regards itself as a health promoting school and recognises that staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion.

Given the adverse effect that smoking can have on a person's health, as well as the ban on smoking in work places by the government, the school has agreed a no smoking policy. (White paper 'Smoking Kills')

Our no smoking policy seeks to contribute to a healthy working and learning environment for all the school users by eliminating the risk of passive smoking and promoting non-smoking as a positive, adult behaviour.

1. Objectives

Through our science and PSHE curriculum Rowan Gate Primary aim to:

- help children know and understand the dangers of smoking and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies.
- provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking.
- equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist pressure to smoke, either from their peer group or from society in general.
- protect children from inappropriate role models, including the use of cigarettes, e cigarettes, vaporisers or any other smoking materials.
- encourage and support staff (and pupils) to give up smoking.

2. Rationale

There are two grounds for creating a no smoking policy in school.

- a) **Health and Safety.** Under Health and Safety legislation the Governing Body have a duty to provide a safe environment. Tobacco smoke is harmful and therefore an environment contaminated with tobacco smoke could be regarded as unsafe. Studies have shown that smoke is harmful to the health of smokers and non-smokers alike. This consideration applies to school premises and can be viewed as strong justification for creating a smoke free environment.
- b) **Role Model.** Staff in the school should act as role models to pupils and this is the reason our no smoking policy extends across the school premises including the outdoor areas of both school sites and satellite provisions. The Governing Body considers that smoking tobacco or using e cigarettes/ vaporisers on the site conveys a negative, detrimental image.

3. Restrictions on smoking

Smoking including the use of E cigarettes/ vaporisers is not permitted on any part of the school premises at any time. This includes the school grounds. No smoking and No smoking E cigarette signs are on display on the school grounds informing visitors of this.

4. Staff

Although we do not encourage smoking, no member of the senior leadership team or governing body, has the right to reprimand or take prejudicial action against any member of staff or visitor to the school who does smoke. Smoking or non-smoking habits are not a consideration when appointing new members of staff. Staff who do smoke are asked to leave the site, as our policy endorses protection of children from such role models. New staff joining the school will be made aware of the policy as part of their induction programme. Contract staff will also be informed via the contractor and adherence to the policy will be requested.

Staff who do smoke or vape will be expected to keep their cigarettes, lighters and vapes out of the reach and out of sight of pupils. Ideally, these items should not be brought into school at all and staff should keep them off the premises, for example, locked in their vehicle. If this is impossible, they should be kept in a locked locker.

The charging of vapes in school is strictly forbidden as they present a hazard to others and a potential fire hazard.

5. Links to Drug Education

Tobacco is a drug and therefore there will be a number of opportunities to link this policy to drug education. The adoption of both policies into the school practice will ensure that both drug and smoking concerns are sufficiently covered.

6. Visitors

The no smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school, including but not limited to parents/ carers governors, suppliers, peripatetic and supply staff, repair people and contractors.

The following arrangements have been made to inform visitors of the policy's message:

- No smoking signs displayed in a prominent position in the school grounds.
- A member of staff to inform visitors of the policy as and when necessary.
- The school web-site will state that the school operates a no smoking policy.

7. Help for those who smoke

Whilst smoking on the school premises is considered an unacceptable practice the school aims to support anyone who smokes by offering help and advice, where appropriate.

8. Support

If a child is found smoking or in possession of tobacco on school premises, the items will be confiscated and their parents informed. Each case will be dealt with individually, depending upon the circumstances. We will offer support whilst reinforcing the harmful effects on their health.

9. Lettings

All lettings of the school premises will be covered by the no smoking policy, including those in the evenings and at weekends. Lettings to the public should stress that as an educational establishment the school site is a no smoking area and that the policy applies to out of school hours.

10. Review

This policy was reviewed in February 2023 and will be reviewed bi-annually.

(This policy was led by Maxine Anthony-Hill)