

Sibsey Free Primary School

No-Smoking Policy



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Sibsey Free School acknowledges that second-hand tobacco smoke is both a public and work place health hazard and have therefore adopted this No Smoking Policy.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 In order to promote a healthy working and learning environment for all children and adults, Sibsey Free School is a non-smoking establishment. This also includes E-cigarettes.
- 1.2 At Sibsey Free School we believe that smoking in any form is harmful to health. We aim to educate our children about the dangers and try to discourage them from considering taking up smoking of any form in the future, including E-cigarettes.

2 Rationale

- 2.1 It is recognised that smoking is harmful to the health of those who smoke. Adults and children can also be harmed by passive smoking, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes. (Statistical information is available on the Public Health England website)

**We aim to meet our duty of providing a working environment that is
'Safe, without risks to health'**

3 Aims and objectives

- 3.1 We aim to:
 - Comply with National Legislation by ensuring the school is a smoke free zone.
 - As a result, guarantee a healthy environment and protect the current and future health of staff, children, parents and visitors.
 - Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking in any form, 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 the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.

4 Organisation

- 4.1** We teach children about the dangers of smoking as part of their personal, social and health education (PSHE) programme and Science Curriculum across KS2. As well as teaching the children about the effects that smoking has on the body, we engage them in discussions about the reasons why people start to smoke, and what they themselves might do if other people encourage them to try cigarettes when they are older. The children's class teacher leads all such discussions in a sensitive manner. He or she encourages the children to explore the views of other people, and to reflect on their own personal convictions with regard to smoking. Our aim is to help the children make their own decision not to smoke because they believe it is the wrong lifestyle to choose.
- 4.2** The dangers of smoking sometimes arise as an issue in science lessons, when children learn about the way substances affect the body, e.g. when we teach them about how medicines can help the body. When such an issue arises, the class teacher deals with it in context, and answers the children's questions to the best of their ability, taking care to explain that smoking is dangerous, and should be avoided.
- 4.3** Parents may view any of the smoking-related teaching materials that we use in our school. Whenever possible, we use the expertise of external professionals to support parents and to help them to educate their children.

5 Staff

- 5.1** Lincolnshire Authority has a no-smoking policy for all its premises, therefore smoking is not allowed on the premises, and this includes E-cigarettes. In addition to this reason we do not allow smoking on the school premises because we do not want to present smoking as acceptable, nor do we wish to present adult smokers as role models. To ensure that smoking is presented as unacceptable outside school premises, Staff, and any other adults (including children's parents) accompanying children on educational visits, are also not permitted to smoke. If any member of staff wishes to smoke, they must leave the school site. A breach of this policy will be seen as a variance from acceptable standards of behaviour and will be dealt with as a disciplinary matter.

6. Hirings

- 6.1** When the school is hired out for a private or a fundraising function it is on the strict understanding that smoking in any form is not allowed on the school premises.

7. Implementation

- 7.1** Every member of teaching staff, non-teaching staff and volunteers will be made aware of this Policy, and a copy will be put on the School's website. Staff will also react in accordance with the school policy when engaged in discussions about smoking with individual children. Visitors to the school will be made aware of the policy upon initial arrival.
- 7.2** All new staff, children and parents will be made aware of this policy upon initial arrival to the school, ideally when visiting the school prior to becoming a member of the school. It will be the responsibility of the headteacher to ensure that this occurs formally.

8. Advice on stopping smoking

- 8.1** Any member of staff wishing to stop smoking will be supported and directed to appropriate assistance.

9. Monitoring

- 9.1** It is the role of the Headteacher to ensure that this policy is fully implemented.

10. Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially or earlier as required.

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