

CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR POLICIES

Name of School: Red Oaks Primary School

Name of Policy: No Smoking Policy

School Community	Evidence	Date
Governors		
Teaching Staff		
Non Teaching Staff		
Parents/Carers		
Pupils		

Named Governor:

Named Member of Staff: Rachel Surch

Date Adopted: May 2012

Review Date: February 2021

Next Review Date Due: February 2022

RED OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL
No Smoking Policy
February 2021

Research suggests that almost a quarter of all young people are regular smokers by the age of 15 and almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. It is estimated that 450 children a day take up the habit. The medical profession regards smoking as the major cause of many serious illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. People can be harmed by second-hand smoke, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes.

This Policy aims to:

- Highlight this school site as a 'smoke free' environment.
- Provide an environment where good health is promoted for all.
- Enable the school to tackle smoking-related issues.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and reinforce the school's PSHE programme.
- Comply with the smoke-free legislation under the Health Act 2006, which from the 21st July 2007, places a duty on 'any person who controls or is concerned in the management of smoke-free premises' i.e. the head teacher, to ensure compulsory signage is displayed in the required places and smoking is prevented in all 'enclosed' or 'substantially enclosed' premises.
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to offer support for those who wish to stop.

School environment:

- The school site is an entirely smoke-free environment and this policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors when they are on the school site.
- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the grounds or school buildings. This includes school events held, during and outside normal school hours.
- Electronic cigarettes are not permitted in any part of the grounds or school building.
- Organisations and clubs who use the school premises outside of school hours must observe the school's No Smoking Policy.
- Signage is visible to remind all visitors of the school's smoke free policy. No smoking signs are prominently displayed around the school grounds reflecting the school's stance to smoking on site as required by the Health Act.

- All transport provided or contracted by the school is smoke free and will display the compulsory signage as required by the Health Act.
- Teachers, parent helpers and staff must refrain from smoking on all school trips.
- The school supports National No Smoking Day.

Securing Compliance:

Staff and the Curriculum

- 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 and the PSHE Co-ordinator will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching for each Key Stage.
- Where possible, staff should link up with the wider community and are encouraged to use the knowledge and materials of those outside agencies that are members of the Swindon Healthy School Alliance.
- Activities around smoking in schools should compliment a community-wide programme of action. Messages should be consistent with and support each other.
- Details of the NHS Stop Smoking Service will be available to those staff who wish to quit. Details and leaflets offering support will be available in the staff room, on the Virtual Staffroom and from the school nurse.
- All staff will be provided with a copy of this policy and 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.

Inclusion

In 'No Smoking' teaching at Red Oaks, staff are aware of children's individual needs and how to best differentiate teaching and learning to enable access for all. This is done through adapting teaching to suit a variety of learning styles, often using a multi-sensory approach. Teachers consider classroom organisation and management strategies to ensure optimal access for all learners, including those with physical, sensory and/or learning needs. Teachers have access to specialist support for advice on strategies, target setting and assessment. All disabled pupils are included on the Red Oaks' Vulnerable Learner Database, and their progress is systematically recorded and monitored.

Pupils

Schools recognise a duty of care to those pupils who smoke and are committed to helping them stop. Help will be available to any child who seeks advice.

If a pupil is found to be smoking the following action will be taken:

- Pupils will be told to stop smoking and their parents or carers will be contacted to meet with the teacher and head teacher to discuss the child's behaviour and decide the action to be taken.
- Details of how the School Nurse and Primary Care Trust can help will be provided to the pupil and their parents or carers.
- The action taken may include awareness sessions on the dangers of smoking. A suitably qualified professional should carry out such sessions and advice should be sought by the Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Advisor for Schools.
- Persistent refusal to comply with school smoking rules may result in the exclusion of the pupil.

Parents and Adult Helpers

- Parent, carers and adult helpers and people collecting children are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school grounds; they will be discouraged from smoking at school entrances and exits.

Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site

- All contractors, visitors and users of the school site will be informed of the school's No Smoking Policy by appropriate signage when they sign in at reception and are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site.
- 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.
- Breaches of the school's No Smoking Policy by contractors should be reported to the relevant company via the Head Teacher.