



STUDLEY COMMUNITY INFANTS' SCHOOL

SMOKE FREE POLICY

Smoking is a habit learned in childhood and can be fatal to those who persist in using tobacco. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models in the adults who teach them, as well as a non-smoking environment in the school that houses them.

Passive smoking - breathing other people's tobacco smoke - is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses including, in children, asthma, chest and ear-infections. Secondhand smoke kills around 120 people in Warwickshire each year.

General Principle

This smoking policy seeks to guarantee a healthy working and learning environment for all the school's users by eliminating the risk of passive smoking and promoting non-smoking as a positive, adult role model. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking. (ASH 2004)

Restrictions on smoking

Smoking is not allowed on any part of the school premises at any time. Employees are expected to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles when on school business or when carrying other staff, parents and pupils.

The smoke free policy will apply to all activities held in school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.

This policy applies to outside organisations that use the school buildings during evenings and weekends.

Volunteers helping on school trips need to be made aware that they must not smoke.

Help for those who smoke

Smokers will have to make the biggest adjustment to this policy. If anyone requires help quitting please contact their doctor or the NHS Helpline 0800 1690169

Visitors

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school - for example, parents, peripatetic and temporary staff, supply teachers, contractors, and governors.

The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence:

- Clearly worded signs will be prominently sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform the visitors of the policy, where necessary.
- Letters will be sent home to parents.
- All appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus should clearly state that the school is smoke free.

Disciplinary Action

The enforcement of the smoke free policy will be the responsibility of the Headteacher. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply when dealing with breaches to the Smoke Free Policy.

Implementation and monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every three years to ensure that it continues to meet the general principle.

Effective date

This policy is effective from Thursday 16 January 1997.

Review

This policy is a working document and therefore is open to change and restructuring as and when the need arises. To be next reviewed by: May 2009