

FEDERATION OF HEAVERS FARM AND SELSDON PRIMARY SCHOOLS SMOKING POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

Smoking will not be permitted (this includes e-cigarettes or vaping) in any part of the school premises.

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK
- Passive smoking – breathing other people’s tobacco smoke is dangerous, especially for children. People who breathe in second-hand smoke regularly are more likely to get the same diseases as smokers, including lung cancer and heart disease (NHS)
- The Governments White Paper ‘Choosing health – making healthy choices’, identifies plans to place restrictions on smoking within the workplace
- The schools, under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974), has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention
- Most people start smoking and become addicted to nicotine when they are still children. Those whose parents or siblings smoke are around three times more likely to smoke than children living in non-smoking households. Children who start smoking at the youngest ages are more likely to smoke heavily and find it harder to give up. These smokers are at the greatest risk of developing smoking related diseases.
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.

The enforcement of this smoking policy will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school.

The school’s disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school’s premises or vehicles.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and out of school hours. This includes all social and sporting events, and any meetings organised, which are attended by school employees as part of their work and /or visitors to such meetings/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to enforce a comprehensive approach.

Non-compliance by pupils will be dealt with in agreement of the schools Behaviour Policy.

There will be no designated smoking area provided within the school premises.

RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING

Staff

All staff – teaching, support and peripatetic, may not smoke (including vaping and e-cigarettes) while on school premises and grounds. If staff are found smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) on school premises, grounds or school related activities this will be dealt with under the school’s disciplinary procedures.

Pupils

Pupils may not smoke (including vaping and e-cigarettes) while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.

Families and Visitors

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school site, for example parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, contractors, sports coaches etc. The following arrangements have been made for informing everyone of the policy’s existence:

- Policy posted on the school blogs.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES

The prohibition of smoking (including vaping and e-cigarettes) will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, e.g. educational visits.

SCHOOL PREMISES UTILISED OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will remain in operation.

SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes can seek support and advice from:

- NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)
- Croydon Stop Smoking Service
(<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/daservices/croydon-stop-smoking-service-2>)
- GP Surgeries