The Gleddings Preparatory School

No Smoking Policy

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This policy applies to the whole school community and out of school care and clubs.

INTRODUCTION

We aim to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff. To this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy which reinforces the messages within the PSHE(E) curriculum.

RATIONALE

Smoking and second-hand smoking have been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children. As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, we promote a no smoking policy. Our intention is to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second-hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm.

POLICY LINKS

This policy has obvious links with our Health and Safety Policy, the PSHE(E) Policy, the Safeguarding Children Policy, and the Misuse of Drugs Policy. It is also part of the standard 1.5 of the NHSS minimum requirements.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
2. To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected in the PSHE(E) curriculum and by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
3. To set the example of a smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with the government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.

EDUCATIONAL APPROACH

Issues related to smoking, second-hand smoke and the associated risks are covered within our taught curriculum. The approaches taken are detailed in the PSHE(E) Policy. There are also other situations such as in assemblies or within stories when issues relating to smoking may be discussed.

THE SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors, external consultants and inspectors.

1. Smoking, including vaping and the use of e-cigarettes, is not permitted in any part of the school at any time. This includes all the school buildings and the outside areas of the school including the playgrounds, nursery garden, seating and sports areas.
2. Smoking, including vaping and the use of e-cigarettes, by anyone on a school trip or visit is not permitted.
3. Smoking, including vaping and the use of e-cigarettes, at the entrances and exits to the school site will be strongly discouraged.
4. A no smoking statement will be included in the school's staff handbook.

DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The contents of this policy are made explicit to all staff and visitors. The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Ultimately the Headteacher will be responsible for dealing with any reported incidents of breaches to this policy. Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents. Breaches by staff will result in a disciplinary procedure. All reported breaches of this policy will be recorded using the 'Record of incident involving unauthorised drug' – Appendix 11, Drugs: Guidance for Schools, DfES 2012.

FACILITIES FOR SMOKERS

No facilities for smoking in the school will be provided, although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking should they require it. Please note this also applies to vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

APPOINTMENTS

Any prospective staff in the process of being appointed to a role within the school will be informed that this is a no smoking school. This will be made clear within all its appointment procedures, staff handbooks and the school prospectus.

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Headteacher and Health and Safety Officer are responsible for ensuring that this policy is reviewed.

Next review date: October 2027