

Applecroft School



No Smoking & Vaping Policy

Person Responsible:	Deputy Headteacher
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School Vision:

'To be a positive and inspiring community that nurtures each individual and empowers leaders for life.'

School Mission Statement:

'Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Changing Lives'

School Values:

- Ambition and Leadership
- Kindness and Supportiveness
- Respect and Honesty
- Determination and Resilience

1) Introduction:

As it is a legal requirement, no smoking shall be permitted on the school property at any time. This policy will be reviewed in the event of a change in relevant legislation. The following policy and guidelines co-ordinated by the Headteacher in full consultation with the teaching, non-teaching staff and the Board of Trustees forms a stand-alone policy for no smoking and vaping at Applecroft School. It will be known to all staff, teaching and support staff, and to any new employees. All visitors including parents and carers will be made aware of the No Smoking and Vaping policy. The staff of this school wish to provide a smoke free environment for all young people as they are very aware that children exposed to passive smoking are more prone to chest illnesses than other children.

2) Rationale:

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society
- 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, in non-smokers
- Smoking and vaping is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school
- It is a legal requirement that we are a totally smoke-free school
- The school has a wealth of resources to draw on. (Science, Health Education and PHSE resources are sometimes class, year group shared or whole school shared)

3) Purpose:

The document will:

- Provide a point of reference for future discussion and development
- Offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking and vaping
- Contain information for other interested parties, e.g. parents, trustees, advisory colleagues and inspectors
- Encourage and promote a whole team response which reflects the common practice amongst all staff towards a healthy smoke free environment

4) Aims:

We aim to encourage children to respect themselves and others and to make healthy choices. We aim through relevant themes and topics to ensure that our children, because of their very young age, are provided with opportunities:

- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly
- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines
- To foster good relationships and habits
- To help them to develop positive attitudes to good health
- To answer their questions in a simple but factual way as any good parent might
- To voice their concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously and matters dealt with appropriately.

5) Visitors:

The smoking and vaping policy applies to all visitors to the school - for example, parents, carers, suppliers, supply or temporary staff and maintenance contractors. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence: Signs are displayed around school to indicate that smoking is not permitted. From time to time visiting specialists come into school to raise the children's awareness (Community Police Officers, Nurse, Staff).

- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary