



Hemswell Cliff Primary School

Smoking Policy

<u>Policy Information</u>			
Status:	Statutory Health Act 2006	Reviewed by:	Full Governing Body
Cycle of Review:	Two years	Policy Ratified:	October 2020
Signed as accepted:			

Aims

Our school believes that every child has the right to a broad and balanced curriculum. We believe all children should have equal access to education programmes that equip them with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to make healthy and informed decisions about their lives now and in the future. Our school believes in the right of every child to be protected from harmful substances and that a healthy lifestyle should be encouraged at all times.

The aims are fulfilled within the taught curriculum and through opportunities within informal and extra curricular activities. In order to deliver this commitment, there is also a role for appropriate support agencies.

This policy is directly related to, and in accordance with, the 'Policy for Drugs Education and Managing Drug Related Incidents' and the 'Food in School Policy' reflecting our commitment to a healthy school.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all members of staff and the drugs education should be incorporated into the planning of PSHE and Science at both KS1 and KS2 and the Foundation Stage. The Headteacher, Senior Management Team and the PSHE co-ordinator will oversee it.

Objectives

Our approach to educating children about smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes (vaping) seeks to support the following aims in respect of drug use and misuse:

- To enable pupils to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising skills.
- To provide accurate information about substances in relation to personal safety.
- To develop an understanding that all medicines are drugs, but that not all drugs are medicines, and that all substances are harmful if not used properly.
- To increase understanding about the implications of and possible consequences of substance use and misuse (age/content dependent).
- To enable pupils to identify sources of appropriate personal support.
- To widen understanding about related health and social issues, and how they impact on both family and community.

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We are a non-smoking school and expect all staff and visitors to abide by this policy to maintain a healthy environment.

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Children will be taught through our Science and PSHE curriculum that Nicotine is a drug and that other substances found in tobacco are carcinogenic and can cause serious illnesses including severe respiratory problems, cancer and sometimes death (age/content dependent).

This no smoking policy also applies to e-cigarettes because:

- E-cigarettes look like normal cigarettes. There are potential regulatory issues around enforcing cigarette bans.
- There are evidence-based nicotine replacement therapy products available on prescription for staff who are trying to quit smoking or having difficulty with nicotine cravings during work hours.
- Adults smoking e-cigarettes may influence young people.

The Headteacher takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the Governing Body, parents and appropriate outside agencies, and for the appointment within the school of a PSHE co-ordinator who will incorporate Drugs Education into the PSHE curriculum.

School Guidelines for responding to smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes (vaping) on site

If a pupil is caught smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes (vaping) then they will be asked to stop immediately and all tobacco products as well as fire-starting devices will be confiscated. The incident will be immediately referred to the Headteacher or their deputy if they are not on site. Parents will be contacted immediately and further action discussed. Any disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and the governing body and will be in keeping with the Behaviour and discipline policy.

If staff are found smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes on school premises, grounds or on school related activities this will be deemed to be committing an act of gross misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary action.

If anyone else who is on the premises of Hemswell Cliff Primary School is found smoking tobacco or using electronic cigarettes (vaping) then the following course of action should be taken:

1. The person will be asked to extinguish their tobacco product immediately and will be informed that there is strictly no smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes (vaping) on site.
2. If they refuse they will be reminded that if they will not comply with school policy then they will be asked to leave school grounds.
3. If they will not stop smoking tobacco or electronic cigarettes (vaping) or leave the school grounds then local police will be called.