

BURCHETTS GREEN CE INFANT SCHOOL

Smoking Policy – Policy for a smoke-free school

1. Aim To create a smoke-free school.

From the 1st July 2007 smoking has been banned in virtually all public places but not outdoors or in private homes. Signs enforcing this legislation are on all the external doors to the School premises.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:-

- To provide a smoke-free school environment for everyone,
- To provide young people with a consistent message regarding tobacco use and provide appropriate role models.

3. Rationale

- To meet and exceed the requirements of the current anti-smoking legislation
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.
- Secondhand Smoke – “breathing other people’s tobacco smoke” causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day. (ASH)
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention.
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. 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).

4. Enforcement

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the school’s premises either inside or outside. This policy includes e-cigarettes.

The enforcement of this total smoking ban 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 schools premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

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 sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

5. Designed smoking areas

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the schools premises. This policy is in line with the Roy Castle Area Air Gold Award and National Clean Air Award Scheme.

6. Facilities for smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace or on school grounds will be provided although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking if they require it. (See paragraph 8.0)

7. Vehicles

The smoking ban applies to all school vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school hired vehicles.

8. Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees in school wishing to give up smoking.

9. Appointments

This school is a No Smoking school and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and the school prospectus.

10. Links

- Health and Safety
The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements
- Healthy Schools
The policy was developed following recommended good practice from the Healthy Schools programme
- Drug Education
Cigarettes contain tobacco which is a drug thus linking the School's Smoke-free Policy to drug education and opportunities within the DfES guidance (2004).

11. Review

This will be reviewed every **three** years.

12. For further information

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the Smoking Policy contact the Headteacher or Chair of Governors.

This policy was approved by the Education Committee on 23rd November 2022