



Covingham Park Primary School Smokefree Policy (including E-cigarettes)

Our vision is to provide every child with an outstanding start to their education which will equip them with the necessary skills to meet future changes and challenges throughout their life.

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This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, customers and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke; to protect children from the vapours of E-cigarettes and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure. The use of E-cigarettes could send the message to children that it's OK to smoke.

It is the policy of **Covingham Park Primary School** that the whole school site is smokefree (including E-cigarettes) and all employees have the right to work in a smokefree environment. The governments smokefree policy came into effect on Sunday, 1 July 2007. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises in the workplace, and any open area on site. This includes company vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, consultants, visiting contractors, and all visitors, pupils, older siblings and parents.

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with **Headteacher/School Governors**. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The Headteacher shall inform all relevant personnel mentioned in the above paragraph of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy; also inform all new personnel of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises, and in all smokefree vehicles.

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with the policy. Those who do not comply with the smokefree law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.

The following procedures followed if a pupil disregards the smoke-free policy:

- The School recognises a duty of care to any pupil who may have started to smoke, and is committed to assisting him or her to see the inherent dangers in the practice.
- The School will make help available to any child found smoking on the premises; this will consist of a leaflet giving advice on the dangers of smoking, and the contact details of the school nurse.
- Added support can be given to the pupil under the referral policy produced by Swindon Primary Care Trust's Stop Smoking Service.
- If a pupil is found smoking on the premises, he or she will be told to stop smoking, and parents informed by letter.