

GREENHAUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SMOKE FREE POLICY

Introduction

This policy provides guidance for members of the school community on why Greenhaugh First School is a smoke free school. It has been developed with the need to protect the whole school community so that everyone can learn in a smoke free environment. It is a recognised fact that a Smoke Free Policy is of benefit to the health of staff and pupils alike, and this policy has been developed in consultation with staff & Governors.

A smoke free school site and non-smoking staff provide positive role models for children and young people and contribute to the development of a health promoting school. This policy applies to everyone using the premises (including all grounds and buildings) for any purpose, at any time.

Greenhaugh First School has been a **smoke free area since 2008**, and new staff and visitors are made aware of the policy through clearly displayed signs in and around the building and through a statement in the school brochure.

This written policy is to be made available to all members of staff and visitors to raise awareness of the smoke free environment.

Aim

The aim of this policy is to make all people aware that Greenhaugh First School operates a non-smoking policy that is for the benefit of all staff and pupils on the premises.

This policy is to inform everyone that smoking or the use of *E-cigarettes is not permitted in the school buildings or grounds or immediate vicinity by any person at any time.

This includes staff, parents, visitors and contractors. It also applies to adults accompanying pupils on school visits.

Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide a smoke free school environment for everyone
- To provide children and young people with consistent information about tobacco and E- cigarettes through the curriculum
- To provide interventions that aim to prevent the uptake of smoking as part of PSHE and activities related to Healthy School status
- To provide positive role models within the school

Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill health and premature death. Greenhaugh First School recognises the role it has to play in being a health promoting establishment and it is important to provide health education so pupils can discuss with their peers and adults, various choices and their consequences. This in turn will lead them on to making informed choices about their actions and having the knowledge to recognise the consequences of these actions.

Monitoring and review

The Headteacher (or any other teacher in HT's absence) is responsible for policy implementation and monitoring. Signs in and around the building inform people about the policy and new staff will be made aware of the policy when taking up post. New parents are informed of the Smoke Free Policy through the School Prospectus which is made available to them on our website, as well as signs around school which also serve the purpose of informing all visitors of the policy.

Breaches of Policy

Anyone found breaching the smoke free policy will immediately be asked to adhere to our smoke free status. Further breaches will be brought to the attention of the Governing Body.

Further information can also be obtained from:

<http://smokefree.nhs.uk/ways-to-quit/local-nhs-stop-smoking-service/>

This policy is to be reviewed every three years

Review date: Spring 2025

* Please note that any form of E-Cigarette includes:

- e-cigs
- e-hookahs
- hookah pens
- vapes
- vape pens
- mods (customisable, more powerful vaporisers)