



Lythe CEVC School

Our vision is to provide the highest quality of education for all in a nurturing, creative, Christian environment, where children are empowered to combine academic excellence with a passion for learning about the world.

No-Smoking Policy

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This policy links to:

- Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)
- Behaviour Policy
- Drugs Policy
- Managing Medicines Policy
- Health and Safety Policy

The law

The law made under The Health Act 2006 requires that enclosed or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces are smoke-free. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 places a duty on employers to provide a working environment that is:

‘Safe, without risks to health’

Lythe School acknowledges that second-hand tobacco smoke is both a public and work place health hazard and has therefore adopted this no-smoking policy.

Aims and Objectives

The school is to be a smoke free environment at all times to promote the health and welfare of all who work in, attend or visit the school. There is a wide range of evidence that shows the negative impact smoking / passive smoking has on people in terms of increased risk in a number of cancers, heart disease, diabetes and reducing their life span.

Objectives

- Compliance with government legislation.
- Protect the staff, pupils, parents/carers, visitors and contractors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
- To encourage pupils to be resilient to the pressures on them to take up smoking and enable them to make informed, responsible choices not to smoke.
- Supportive and consistent links to the curriculum.

The whole school site is designated a no-smoking site this includes out of school hours and out of term time. Everyone involved with the school community is expected to adhere to the No-Smoking Policy. Those groups are

- Employees / trainee teachers
- Students
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Parents/Carers
- Contractors working on site
- Individuals attending an outside letting
- Individuals attending a social event

Pupils:

- Pupils are not allowed to smoke at school or whilst engaged in any off-site activity representing the school for example any educational visits, trips abroad and work experience.
- Pupils should not smoke whilst travelling to or from school when in school uniform.

Staff:

- Staff in all phases of school are recognised `role models` and as such are required not to smoke in sight of pupils. This will include visits, school excursions and include both teaching and non-teaching staff, on or near the school site.
- This policy will also apply to employees whilst exercising direct responsibility for pupils on off-site activities, e.g. in the school mini-bus, school fixtures, school trips etc.
- Staff should not purchase cigarettes if accompanying a school trip.
- The school recognises that staff who smoke may need support either to give up smoking or help control their smoking. The school will make available to employees the NHS North Yorkshire Stop Smoking helpline number to get free advice and for information on the nearest Stop Smoking Service on 0300 303 1603. For staff finding it particularly difficult to adhere to this Smoking Policy, it may be appropriate to seek assistance from an Occupational Health Adviser.

Visitors:

- The No-Smoking Policy applies to all visitors to the school including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors.
- The policy applies all year round. This includes out of school hours and out of term time.

Parents and Carers:

- It will be requested that parents and carers adhere to the No- Smoking Policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds.
- Information can be provided for all parents and carers about the NHS North Yorkshire Stop Smoking Helpline number to get free advice and for information on the nearest Stop Smoking Service on 0300 303 1603.

- Parents and carers will be discouraged from smoking just outside the school grounds.

Events

- The school's No-Smoking Policy applies to all social events in school time and out of school hours/ term time.
- Where events are booked by outside agencies, all parties are to be made aware of the school's No-Smoking Policy

Disciplinary Action

Any member of staff found to contravene this policy will be subject to the school's disciplinary procedures.

Monitoring and reviewing

This policy will be reviewed and evaluated regularly to ensure that it continues to meet the aims.

Contact details for support for smokers

- North Yorkshire Stop Smoking Services **0845 8770025**
- National free-phone helpline "**Don't Give Up Giving Up**" **0800 169 0 169**