

Chalk Ridge Primary School

No Smoking Policy



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Introduction

Smoking is scientifically proven to be detrimental to the health and well being of any person who either smokes or inhales second hand smoke (passive smoking). Hampshire County Council operates a no smoking policy in all its educational sites and therefore smoking is not allowed in the school or anywhere on the school premises. This is strictly enforced and no exceptions are made.

Smoking can seriously damage health and in certain instances can cause death. We therefore aim to educate the children that smoking is unacceptable. Through links with the PSHE and Citizenship curriculum and the healthy schools programme we provide learning opportunities so that all children are aware of the dangers to their health, which may be caused by smoking.

Aims

The policy seeks to:

- Provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected in the schools PSHE and science curriculum and by providing excellent role models for all the children and adults within the school.
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.
- To set a good example of health by promoting the smoke-free environment to the whole school and the wider community in line with the government guidance.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breath in air that is free from tobacco smoke.
- Comply with Health Legislation and Employment Law.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Take into account the needs of those who smoke and support those who wish to stop.

The Smoke Free Environment

The following statements apply to all staff and visitors to the school. E.g. Parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff and contractors and Governors.

- Smoking is not permitted on any part of the school site at any time. This includes all buildings and the outside areas of the school including the playground, sports field and car park.
- Smoking by anyone on a school trip or visit is not permitted.
- Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site is strongly discouraged.
- The relevant signage is displayed around the school.

Roles and Responsibilities

Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the Headteacher to implement the school no smoking policy, ensure that appropriate signage is visible around the school site and that all staff are aware of the policy and how to deal with any reported incidents. The Headteacher reports to the governing body about the No Smoking Policy and its effectiveness on request. The Headteacher ensures that all children and parents know that smoking is not allowed in school.

Staff

All staff take the issue of smoking seriously, and will intervene where smoking is seen or reported. They keep their own records and report these to the Headteacher.

Governing Body

The governing body will support the Headteacher in the smoking ban within the school grounds. This policy statement makes it very clear that the governing body does not allow smoking to take place in the school or in the grounds.

Children

The children are required to learn of the health risks associated with smoking and to understand that it is not allowed within the school.

Parents

The Parents are to be made aware that smoking is not permitted on the site and ensure that they comply with this.

Monitoring and Review.

The Headteacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of this policy on request, monitors this policy on a day-to-day basis.