



# Smokefree School Policy

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## **Crofton Infants School**

### **Smokefree School Policy**

**Crofton Infants School** is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for pupils, staff, parents, carers, and visitors.

We recognise that pupils, staff, parents, carers, and visitors have the right to breathe smokefree air in and around the school. We acknowledge that exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. We know that most smokers start smoking when they are children, and that is why we are committed to creating a smokefree environment and developing pupil's knowledge, attitudes and skills in positive decision making around smoking and vaping.

#### **AIMS**

- To protect the right of pupils, staff, parents, and visitors to not be exposed to second-hand smoke
- To improve the health of pupils, teachers, and support staff
- To make smoking and vaping invisible to help reduce the likelihood of children and young people ever starting
- To educate young people on the dangers of smoking and the potential dangers of vaping
- To provide encouragement and support to smokers who wish to stop
- To reduce smoking litter around the school
- To be a healthy role model within the local community

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- We will provide a smokefree school environment
- We will ensure that tobacco education is provided, through a range of activities which will bring the school together
- We will adopt and support interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking amongst pupils, staff, parents/guardians, and members of the wider school community
- We will promote the Yorkshire Smokefree Service to anyone wanting support to quit.

## **RATIONALE**

All members of the school community have the right to work and learn in a smokefree environment. In the Wakefield district, smoking is the largest preventable cause of death and illness.

Evidence tells us that children are less likely to start smoking if they do not view the activity as a normal part of everyday life. As smoking becomes less visible and less socially acceptable it should reduce smoking uptake by young or new smokers.

Exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Over 11,000 people die every year in the UK due to second-hand smoke.

Those who start smoking before the age of 16 are twice as likely to continue to smoke compared to those who begin in later life, they are more likely to be heavier smokers.

## **PROVIDING A SMOKEFREE ENVIRONMENT (PROCEDURE)**

This policy applies to pupils, staff, parents/carers, members of the public, contractors or others working/using the school premises and all vehicles used to transport pupils.

**Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school's premises and grounds including:**

- **The entrance areas to the school (the school gates).**
- **On land adjacent to the school building (e.g., car parks, garden areas, walkways, playgrounds, playing fields etc).**
- **On the school road crossing patrol areas.**

This policy will apply equally to future premises at the construction stage of any new building and refurbishment or relocation project.

Staff and visitors who smoke will need to do so away from the school premises. There are no designated smoking areas provided within the school buildings or grounds. Staff should also remove any badges/uniform that makes them identifiable to the school when they smoke or vape.

The policy applies to all events/activities held in the school including before and after school sessions, any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.

Suitable posters, displays and signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smokefree environment.

Smoking is not permitted in any school owned/hired/leased vehicles, as well as private vehicles when used for carrying pupils or staff on school business. Schools also have a duty to reinforce the smoking legislation on buses used for pupil transport.

This policy applies when pupils are taken off site on school excursions/visits/trips. Staff and accompanying helpers will be reminded that smoking is not permitted when on duty/looking after pupils.

It is illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18.

## **SMOKING PREVENTION ACTIVITIES (PROCEDURE)**

Employees are not permitted to smoke in the view of pupils. Employees who do smoke will be asked to ensure they cannot be seen smoking by pupils (even if it is off the school grounds).

The school supports tobacco education; parents/carers are encouraged and supported to be actively involved in their child's tobacco education through home/school activities etc.

## **E-CIGARETTES (VAPING)**

Vaping can be an effective harm reduction measure for smokers who cannot or do not want to stop using nicotine.

Having said this, we are including e-cigarettes (vaping) within our voluntary ban. The reason for this is that the purpose of the smokefree areas is to make smoking invisible to children and some young children cannot tell the difference between smoking and vaping. Like smoking, seeing people vape normalises it and can lead to children choosing to vape.

Yorkshire Smokefree Wakefield, in line with current evidence from UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency) advise all smokers to stop completely and immediately. They can access support through the Yorkshire Smokefree Wakefield Service and use a combination of behavioural support and stop smoking medication such as Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) or Champix. Smokers are four times more likely to be successful in quitting if they access this type of support.

## **THE LAW**

Although our smoking ban around the school gates is voluntary, by law smoking is banned in all indoor public places including schools. This ban has been in place since 2007, and research suggests this ban has encouraged existing smokers to give up and has also raised awareness about the risks of second-hand smoke, resulting in fewer young people taking up smoking.

**Smoking is also banned in cars that carry children under 18. Both the smoker and the driver could face a £50 fixed penalty notice if caught smoking. This is to protect children from second hand smoke.**

For more information visit: [www.gov.uk/government/news/smoking-in-vehicles](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/smoking-in-vehicles)

## **RESPONDING TO SMOKING RELATED INCIDENTS**

The following procedures will apply when there is non-compliance with the smokefree policy:

**Staff:** The Schools Disciplinary Procedure will be followed for members of staff who do not comply with the school's smokefree policy. The staff member will be offered support to help them quit smoking.

**Non-staff members/school visitors:** Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to adhere to the policy. Smokers will be provided with the following details on where to seek support in quitting:

Yorkshire Smokefree, who offer a free and confidential service.

Visit <http://yorkshiresmokefree.nhs.uk/> or phone 0800 612 0011 (free from landlines) or 0330 6601 166 (free from mobiles).

## **MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

The policy will be reviewed and developed in consultation with the whole school community. It will be widely publicised (parents/carers, staff induction, staff appointment contracts, handbook, website, notice boards, prospectus) and will be included in contracts for those hiring the use of the school premises.

The policy will be monitored by the Head Teacher to ensure compliance and its successful implementation.

The policy will be reviewed annually and ratified by the Governing Body.