Buckingham Primary School

Smoking and Vaping Policy

Introduction

At Buckingham Primary School we value the health and welfare of all within our community as a key priority.

We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being, and is also a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will affect the raising of standards.

It is important to us, that our policy and approach to smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) should reflect changing social attitudes, and actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drugs education.

In developing our school's policy on smoking, we have sought to:

• Build on our commitment to community well-being

• Reinforce our drug education aims

• Reflect LA policy

• Meet DfE guidelines

• Comply with the law on smoking in public places

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

• Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of employees, members and visitors

• Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke

• To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law

• Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke

• Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop

Restrictions on Smoking

In accordance with law on smoking in public places, Buckingham Primary School will not allow smoking or vaping in any of its buildings and notices to this effect are displayed at all entrances to the school.

It is the policy of Buckingham Primary School, that smoking or vaping will not be allowed anywhere on the school premises, including the playing fields.

Smoking or vaping is not allowed on the school premises including sitting in a vehicle.

Staff are not to smoke or vape in the view of the school premises where children might have sight.

Smoking is not permitted in vehicles or any vehicles being used on school business.

The school will also not permit smoking or vaping at any off-site activities, or during educational and other visits.

The above applies to everyone involved with the school community in any way:

• Employees

• Students

• Voluntary helpers

• Governors

• Visitors

• Outside contractors working on-site

• Anyone attending an outside letting

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our no-smoking policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

Roles and Responsibilities

Headteacher

It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to implement the school no smoking policy and to ensure that all staff are aware of 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, parents and visitors know that smoking or vaping is not allowed in school.

Staff

All staff take the issue of smoking seriously. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no-smoking policy and will intervene where smoking is seen or reported. However, they are not expected to enter into any confrontation, which may put their personal safety at risk. They keep their own records and report these to the Headteacher.

Governing Body

The Governing Body support the Headteacher in all attempts to ban smoking or vaping within our school grounds. This policy statement makes it very clear that the Governing Body does not allow smoking to take place in our school.

Children

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

Teaching and learning

Through the teaching of PSHE children in KS2 are taught about the effects of smoking and vaping.

Year 3 - Healthy Me - Attitudes towards drugs
Year 4- Healthy Me- Smoking, Alcohol
Year 5 – Healthy Me -Smoking, including vaping, Alcohol, Alcohol and anti-social behaviour
Year 6 - How substances affect the body Exploitation, including 'county lines' and gang culture

When necessary, the curriculum is further supported with resources from The PSHE association and the NHS England.

Learning is further supported by the schools Asthma policy and Asthma policy that shares smoke can be a trigger for lung related illnesses.

School site

All school entrances are sign posted with 'No smoking or vaping' signs. This is monitored by the site team.

Support for Smokers

Any smoker requiring help and support in giving up smoking are encouraged to seek the assistance of the NHS Stop Smoking Helpline, who can be contacted on 0800 022 4332.

Response to smoking/vaping on site

Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, stop using their ecigarette and/or leave the premises if they refuse to do so.

Staff and pupils that breach the no-smoking policy will be invited to meet with their line manager to fully outline school expectations. Repeated smoking / vaping on site will trigger conduct procedures.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be monitored on an on-going basis and reviewed bi-annually.