

Fallings Park Primary School

Smoke Free School Policy

Responsibilities

Fallings Park Primary School regards itself as a health-promoting school. It recognises that its staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion.

Second hand smoking – breathing in other people’s smoke – has now been shown to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non-smokers, as well as many other illnesses and minor conditions.

Fallings Park Primary School acknowledges that breathing in other people’s tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and a welfare issue. It is also noted that electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) mimic the effects of real cigarettes. Experts say it is not yet known what harm the tobacco-free devices could inflict and that their contents could be damaging young people’s health.

Objectives of this policy are:

- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke and e-cigarette vapours in the workplace.
- To demonstrate the school’s commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff.
- To provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.

Restrictions on smoking:

Staff

All staff – teaching, support and peripatetic, may not smoke tobacco, e-cigarettes or ‘vapes’ while on school premises or at entrances to the school grounds.

Pupils

Pupils may not smoke tobacco, e-cigarettes or ‘vapes’ while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.

Parents

Parents may not smoke tobacco, e-cigarettes or ‘vapes’ while on school premises and grounds. Parents will be informed of this restriction during the pupil induction process, and by being signposted to this policy on the school website.

Visitors

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school, for example parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, contractors, sports coaches etc. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy’s existence:

- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

School related activities

The prohibition of smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, eg educational visits.

School premises utilised outside normal working hours

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will still remain in operation.

Procedures

If staff are found smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' on school premises, grounds or school related activities this will be deemed to be committing an act of gross misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary action.

If parents or visitors are found smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' on school premises or grounds, they will be required to leave the premises or grounds immediately and may not be permitted to return. Parents assisting on school activities and educational visits are subject to the same no smoking policy as staff.

Systems of support

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco, e-cigarettes or 'vapes' can seek support and advice from:

NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)