

# **AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **SMOKE FREE POLICY**

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To be reviewed 2025**

**Staffing and Admin Committee**

**Staff Responsible**

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Staffing and Admin Governors**

## **Why do we need a smoke free policy?**

At Aycliffe Drive Primary School we value the health and welfare of all who form our community as a key priority for all involved with its management, at whatever level.

It is important that our policy and approach to smoking should actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drug education. Therefore, this policy promotes practices within the school to reinforce our vision and to remove or discourage practices that negate them.

Smoking has been proved detrimental to health and second hand smoking (breathing in other people's tobacco smoke) has also been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers.

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;
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 which places a duty on employers to provide a working environment that is "Safe without risks to health";
- adhere to current legislation

## **What is the policy?**

It is the policy of Aycliffe Drive Primary School that smoking and the use of e-cigarettes including vaping and other similar devices will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on school premises. This includes:

- all school buildings;
- all school grounds (including school playing fields);
- smoking in a vehicle parked anywhere on the school grounds;
- all educational and other visits;
- all outside lettings.

This policy applies to **EVERYONE** involved with the school community in any way and at all times.

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Parents
- Contractors working on site
- Anyone attending an outside letting

### **How we will implement the policy**

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation and enforcement of the Smoke Free Policy and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation and enforcement.

As part of that strategy, we will:

- 1 ensure that it is regularly made known to all it concerns.
- 2 keep a regular check on the school premises to ensure that they are clear of any smoking related litter;
- 3 support the reasoning behind the Smoke Free Policy through our drug education scheme of work and communications with our school community.

### **Monitoring and Review**

This policy and its implementation will be regularly evaluated by the Governing Body and will be formally reviewed as part of the Aycliffe Drive Primary School Development process.

This document is freely available to the entire school community. It has also been made available in the school newsletter, web site and prospectus.

This policy is linked to:

- The Health and Safety Policy
- The Drugs Education Policy
- The Behaviour Policy

This policy will be reviewed every three years.