

Non-smoking Policy

1. Introduction

Our Aims Statement:

“To provide the kind or working environment within the school where every person can feel valued and respected, is able to develop fully, irrespective of age, sex or position and to have fun in doing so.”

- 1.1 At All Saints Church of England Infant School and Nursery Unit **we** believe that smoking is harmful to health, and so we strongly discourage our children from smoking. Consequently, the school is a non-smoking establishment.

2. Rationale

- 2.1 Research shows that almost a quarter of all young people are regular smokers by the age of 15. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. About 450 children a day take up the habit. Smoking is regarded by the medical profession as the major cause of many illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 120,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. Children can be harmed by passive smoking, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes. It is known that smoking is harmful to the unborn babies of mothers who smoke. For all these reasons, our school does all it can to discourage children from smoking, and to educate them, so that they grow up to lead a healthy lifestyle.

3. Aims and objectives

- 3.1 We aim to:
 - help children know and understand the dangers of smoking, and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
 - provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
 - 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.

4. Organisation

- 4.1 We teach children about the dangers of smoking as part of their personal, social and health education (PSHE) programme with advice and support from the Health Authority.

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5. Staff

- 5.1 We do not allow smoking on the school premises, as we do not want to present smoking as acceptable. Nor do we wish to present adult smokers as role models. We do not allow smoking in the staff-room, and if any member of staff wishes to smoke, s/he must leave the school site. This is expected to be out of the sight of children. Should we find any member of staff smoking at school, we would consider this a serious breach of the terms of employment.

6. Monitoring and review

- 6.1 It is the role of the headteacher to ensure that this policy is fully implemented. The governors review this policy as part of their curriculum committee's monitoring of the effectiveness of the school's PSHE programme.

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Date: _____