



ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY SMOKE FREE POLICY



Date of issue:

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1. Purpose of the Policy

Aims

To create a smoke-free school

Objectives

- To provide a smoke-free school environment for everyone
- To provide young people with a consistent message regarding tobacco use and provide appropriate role models.

Rationale

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK
- Second-hand Smoke – “breathing other people’s tobacco smoke” causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day, 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day (ASH)
- The Governments White Paper ‘Choosing health – making healthy choices’, identifies plans to place restrictions on smoking within the workplace
- The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people’s exposure to seeing smoking (ASH 2004)

2. Who is covered by this Policy

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the schools premises or vehicles.

3. Responsibilities applicable to this policy

The enforcement of this smoking policy will be the responsibility of all persons within the school.

4. Policy administration

Smoking will NOT be permitted (this includes e-cigarettes) in any part of the school premises.

The school’s disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work.

Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and out of school hours. This includes all social and sporting events, and any meetings organised, which are attended by school employees as part of their work and /or visitors to such meetings/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to enforce a comprehensive approach.

There will be NO designated smoking area provided within the school premises and no facilities for smoking in the workplace will be provided. The smoking ban will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired leased vehicles. Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles when on school business, and when carrying passengers.

This school is a No Smoking school and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and the school prospectus.

Approved by:

Chair of Governors

Headteacher

Date