



Dunston Hill

Community Primary School



No Smoking Policy

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DUNSTON HILL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Introduction

The Headteacher, staff and governors of Dunston Hill Community Primary School have adopted a policy of non-smoking as we seek to provide a healthy working and learning environment for all members of the school community.

We are aware that:

- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all who use our school i.e. children, staff, parents, governors and visitors
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air
- We have a key part to play in creating awareness of smoking and the dangers it presents to health
- Children need to be educated early about the dangers of smoking and need to see non-smoking role-models in school.

Restrictions on Smoking

- Smoking is not allowed on school premises at any time
- The policy on smoking will be made known to all staff, teaching and associate colleagues, and any future employees
- No smoking signs will be prominently displayed in public areas of the school.

This includes the use of e-cigarettes (electronic cigarettes) due to the following reasons:

- E-cigarettes are not yet regulated there is still some uncertainty about the safety of the product. They are not due for medical regulation until 2016
- E-cigarettes look like normal cigarettes. There are potential regulatory issues around enforcing cigarette bans
- Children may be influenced by adults smoking e-cigarettes.

Education Programme

- Children in all classes throughout the school will be taught about the harmful effects of smoking through age appropriate lessons as part of our drugs education programme
- Literature to educate adults of the benefits of not smoking will be made available
- Information regarding obtaining help to stop smoking will be made available to adults and children on our notice boards.

The Policy for No Smoking in School will be reviewed annually by the Health & Safety Committee and the Headteacher.