



**CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

# Smoke Free Policy

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September 2023

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Corpus Christi Catholic School is a welcoming, vibrant and diverse community with the Christian values of respect, equality and love for all at its core.

We aim to nurture, motivate, educate and to inspire all children to become lifelong learners and to achieve the best that they can.

Following the example of Jesus, we uphold our school motto:  
To Learn, To Live, To Love.

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## POLICY STATEMENT:

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Date	Review Date	Subject Leader	Nominated Governor
September 2023	September 2024	Nicola Martin	Miranda Sawyer

## CURRICULUM AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

### Aims

To ensure a whole-school approach to tobacco in order to protect all members of the school community from the harms of second-hand smoke and to prevent the uptake of, and reduce the prevalence of, smoking across the school community.

### Objectives

- To provide a smoke free school environment.
- To ensure that tobacco education is part of the school's progressive entitlement curriculum of drug education / PSHE (including the health effects, legal, economic and social aspects of tobacco use).
- To ensure that all staff promote positive attitudes and behaviours in relation to tobacco.
- To ensure that staff have the knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures and agreed practice to support the implementation of the Smoke Free Policy.

- To involve all staff, governors, pupils, parents/carers and members of the wider school community including outside agencies as appropriate, in the development of policy and practice in relation to tobacco.
- To adopt and support interventions that aim to prevent the uptake of smoking amongst pupils, staff, parents/carers and members of the wider school community.
- To provide assistance for pupils, staff and other members of the school community who smoke and wish to stop.
- To ensure that the School's Smoke Free Policy is applied when children / young people are taken off site.

## LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

We believe this policy should be a working document that is fit for purpose, represents the school ethos, enables consistency and quality across the school and is related to the following legislation:

- Education Act 1996
- Education Act 1997
- Standards and Framework Act 1998
- Education (National Curriculum) (Temporary Exceptions for Individual Pupils (England) Regulations 2000
- Education Act 2003
- Equality Act 2010

The following documentation is also related to this policy:

- The Education Inspection Framework (Ofsted 2019)
- An investigation into how to assess the quality of education through curriculum intent, implementation and impact (Ofsted 2018)
- Designing and Timetabling the Primary Curriculum - a practical guide for Key Stage 1 and 2 (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority 2002)
- Equality Act 2010: Advice for Schools (DfE)
- The National Curriculum in England Framework Document (DfE) 2014
- Race Disparity Audit - Summary Findings from the Ethnicity Facts and Figures Website (Cabinet Office)

## ORGANISATION AND PLANNING

All members of the school community have the right to work and learn in a smoke free environment.

Exposure to second hand smoke (passive smoking) increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Exposure to role models who smoke also normalises smoking behaviour, which can have a significant negative impact on the delivery of the smoke free message.

Smoking remains the largest preventable cause of death and illness in England, responsible for over 80,000 deaths per year. It kills half of all long term users.

*Smoke free school sites and non-smoking staff provide positive role models for children and young people and contribute to the development of a health-promoting school.*

**This includes the use of e-cigarettes**

The use of any form of E-cigarette within the school premises or during the school day is also prohibited by this policy. The school is a no smoking site and as such E-Cigarettes are not permitted

**Procedure: Providing a smoke free environment**

This Policy applies to pupils, staff, parents/carers, members of the public, contractors or others working/using the School premises or vehicles and all vehicles used to transport students.

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school's premises and grounds including the entrance area to the school, on land adjacent to the School building (e.g. car parks including inside cars on the car park, garden areas, walkways, playgrounds, all play areas etc.). This Policy will apply equally to future premises at the construction stage of any new building and refurbishment or relocation project. Smoking immediately around the school gates is also included as this would give a poor impression of the school.

There are no designated smoking areas provided within the School buildings or grounds. The Smoke Free Policy applies to all events/activities held in the School including before and after school sessions, any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.

Smoking is not permitted in any school owned/hired/leased vehicles, as well as private vehicles when used for carrying students or staff on school business. Please note: this is a statutory requirement. Schools also have a duty to reinforce the smoking legislation on buses used for pupil transport.

This Policy applies when students are taken off site on school excursions/visits/trips. Staff and accompanying helpers will be reminded that smoking is not permitted when on duty / looking after students.

Employees are not permitted to smoke in the view of pupils. Employees who do smoke will be asked to ensure they cannot be seen smoking by pupils/families (even if it is off the school grounds).

**Responding to smoking related incidents**

The following procedures will apply when there is non-compliance with the Smoke Free Policy.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the Policy to adhere to the Policy.

**Monitoring and Evaluation**

The Policy will be reviewed and developed in consultation with the whole school community. It will be widely publicised (staff induction, staff appointment contracts,

handbook, website, notice boards) and will be included in contracts for those hiring the use of the School premises.

The Policy will be monitored by the Headteachers to ensure compliance and its successful implementation, and will be reviewed each year.

## INCLUSION

We believe that we are an educationally inclusive school as we are concerned about the teaching and learning, achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our pupils. We aim to provide places for all pupils who express a preference to join this school.

We work hard to offer equality of opportunity and diversity to all groups of pupils within school such as children:

- from both sexes;
- who have Special Educational Needs;
- who are looked after;
- from minority faiths, ethnicities, travelers, asylum seekers, refugees;
- who are gifted and talented;
- who are at risk of disaffection;
- who are young carers;
- who are sick;
- who have behavioural, emotional and social needs;
- from families who are under stress

We believe we have a duty to ensure that all children have equal rights to the opportunities offered by education and that all children will be encouraged to fulfil their potential in their academic, physical and creative achievements.

We want to give all children the right to access high quality educational experiences, to take part in a broad and balanced curriculum and to be part of the social life of the school.

We recognise that within the school we have more able, gifted and talented children. We believe that:

- more able children demonstrate a higher ability than average for the class and often require differentiated tasks and opportunities to learn through challenges;
- gifted children are those who have the ability to do well in more than one subject;
- talented children demonstrate an innate talent or skill in creative, cultural or sporting fields

We have an even greater obligation to plan and deliver well-structured lessons with appropriate assessment plus ambitious targets for pupils who have low levels of prior attainment or come from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Also, we have a duty to cater for pupils whose first language is not English by planning teaching opportunities to help them develop their English and to gain full access to the National Curriculum.

## TRAINING

All school personnel:

- have equal chances of training, career development and promotion
- receive training on this policy on induction which specifically covers:
  - National Curriculum programmes of study and attainment targets for all subjects
  - Curriculum
  - Teaching and learning
  - Planning
  - Differentiation
  - Assessment
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
  - Special Educational Needs
  - Academically More Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils
  - Key skills
- receive periodic training so that they are kept up to date with new information
- receive equal opportunities training on induction

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE POLICY

### Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has:

- appointed a member of staff to be responsible for the curriculum leadership of English;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Co-headteachers to ensure all school personnel and stakeholders are aware of and comply with this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring compliance with the legal requirements of the National Curriculum;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring funding is in place to support this policy;
- responsibility for ensuring this policy and all linked policies are maintained and updated regularly;
- responsibility for ensuring all policies are made available to parents;
- the responsibility of involving the School Council in:

- determining this policy with the Governing Body;
- discussing improvements to this policy during the school year;
- organising surveys to gauge the thoughts of all pupils;
- reviewing the effectiveness of this policy with the Governing Body
- nominated a link governor to:
  - visit the school regularly;
  - work closely with the Co-Headteachers and the coordinator;
  - ensure this policy and other linked policies are up to date;
  - ensure that everyone connected with the school is aware of this policy;
  - attend training related to this policy;
  - report to the Governing Body every term;
  - annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

### Role of the Co-Headteachers

The Co-Headteachers will:

- work in conjunction with the Senior Leadership Team to ensure all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- ensure teachers:
  - 'have good knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach;
  - have effective support for those teaching outside their main areas of expertise;
  - present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter they are teaching;
  - check learners' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback and in doing so, they respond and adapt their teaching as necessary, without unnecessarily elaborate or differentiated approaches;
  - design their teaching to help learners to remember in the long term the content they have been taught and to integrate new knowledge into larger concepts;
  - use assessment well in order to help learners embed and use knowledge fluently or to check understanding and inform teaching;
  - create an environment that allows the learner to focus on learning;
  - develop a rigorous approach to the teaching of reading in order to develop learners' confidence and enjoyment in reading;
  - use reading materials at the early stages of learning to read that are closely matched to learners' phonics knowledge'. (Amended from the 'Education Inspection Framework' (Ofsted 2019)
- work closely with the curriculum leader, subject leaders and the link governor;
- ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the National Curriculum;
- consider disapplying a pupil from all or part of the National Curriculum for a period of time if this will benefit the child;
- encourage parents to take an active role in curriculum development;
- provide leadership and vision in respect of equality;
- provide guidance, support and training to all staff;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy by;

- observing teaching and learning
- planning scrutinies and work trawls
- discussions with pupils and members of the school council
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy

### Role of the Subject Leader

The Subject Leader will:

lead the development of this policy throughout the school;

- work closely with the Co-Headteachers, the nominated governor and SENCO;
- promote the teaching of numeracy and literacy within all subjects;
- be accountable for standards in this subject area;
- monitor standards by:
  - auditing the subject area
  - review of the scheme of work
  - monitoring teachers planning
  - lesson observations
  - scrutinising children's work
  - discussions with pupils
- work in conjunction with the Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team Leader, teaching and support personnel to provide statements on each of the following:

We ...		Evidence
Intent	have constructed a 'curriculum that is ambitious and designed to give all learners the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life' by:	
	provide a curriculum that is 'coherently planned and sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment' by:	
	have the 'same academic, technical or vocational ambitions for almost all learners and we have designed an ambitious curriculum to meet the needs of some learners with high levels of SEND' by:	
	ensure 'learners study the full curriculum 'specialising' only when necessary' by:	
Implementation	ensure 'teachers have good knowledge of the subject(s) and courses they teach' by;	



<b>Impact</b>	provide 'effective support for those teaching outside their main areas of expertise' by:	
	ensure 'teachers present subject matter clearly, promoting appropriate discussion about the subject matter they are teaching' by:	
	ensure teachers 'check learners' understanding systematically, identify misconceptions accurately and provide clear, direct feedback' by:	
	ensure teachers 'respond and adapt their teaching as necessary, without unnecessarily elaborate of differentiated approaches by:	
	ensure 'over the course of study, teaching is designed to help learners to remember in the long term the content they have been and to integrate new knowledge into larger concepts' by:	
	ensure assessment is used well in order to 'help learners embed and use knowledge fluently or to check understanding and inform teaching' by:	
	'understand the limitations of assessment and do not use it in a way that creates unnecessary burdens for staff or learners' by:	
	ensure 'teachers create an environment that allows the learner to focus on learning' by:	
	ensure 'the resources and materials that teachers select reflect the provider's ambitious intentions for the course of study and clearly support the intent of a coherently planned curriculum, sequenced towards cumulatively sufficient knowledge and skills for future learning and employment' by:	
	ensure 'learners are ready for the next stage of education, employment or training' by:	

(Quotes taken from the Education Inspection Framework (Ofsted 2019))

- ensure continuity and progression throughout the school;

- devise a subject improvement plan;
- provide guidance and support to all staff;
- provide training for all staff on induction and when the need arises regarding;
- attend appropriate and relevant INSET;
- keep up to date with new developments;
- undertake an annual audit and stock take of resources;
- purchase new resources when required and in preparation for the new academic year;
- manage the subject budget effectively;
- undertake risk assessments when required;
- review and monitor;
- annually report to the Governing Body on the success and development of this policy.

## Role of Teachers

Teachers will:

- comply with all aspects of this policy;
- work closely with the subject leader to develop this policy;
- devise medium and short term planning;
- plan and deliver good to outstanding lessons;
- plan differentiated lessons which are interactive, engaging, of a good pace and have a three part structure;
- have high expectations for all children and will provide work that will extend them;
- assess, record and report on the development, progress and attainment of pupils;
- achieve high standards;
- celebrate the success of pupils in lessons
- implement the school's equalities policy and schemes;
- report and deal with all incidents of discrimination;
- attend appropriate training sessions on equality;
- report any concerns they have on any aspect of the school community.

## Role of Pupils

Pupils will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy (in an age appropriate form);
- be encouraged to work in partnership with the school by making decisions and exercising choice in relation to their educational programme;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher;
- ask for further help if they do not understand;
- participate fully in all lessons;
- participate in discussions concerning progress and attainment;
- treat others, their work and equipment with respect;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school;
- liaise with the school council;

- take part in questionnaires and surveys

### Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/carers will:

- be aware of and comply with this policy as it applies to them;
- be encouraged to take an active role in the life of the school by attending:
  - parents and open evenings
  - parent-teacher consultations
  - curriculum development workshops
- be encouraged to assist in school as volunteers;
- be encouraged to respond to curriculum information newsletters;
- be informed via termly newsletters of their child's topics;
- asked to provide suggestions and ideas for improving this subject;
- be asked to take part periodic surveys conducted by the school on curriculum development;
- be invited to make presentations to pupils on aspects of this subject area;
- encourage effort and achievement;
- encourage completion of homework and return it to school;
- provide the right conditions for homework to take place;
- expect their child to hand in homework on time;
- join the school in celebrating success of their child's learning.

### LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

- Academically More Able, Gifted and Talented Pupils
- Assessment
- Curriculum
- Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact
- Differentiation
- English as an Additional Language (EAL)
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Self-Evaluation and School Improvement
- Special Educational Needs
- Teaching and Learning