

CORPUS CHRISTI  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



# Smoke Free Policy

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Corpus Christi School exists to serve the Catholic communities of Brixton Hill and its neighbouring parishes.

We are here to educate the children to the highest possible standard in a community, which has the Gospel values, traditions and beliefs of the Catholic Faith at the centre of its ethos.

In all aspects of the school, Christian values will be upheld, with an emphasis on respect, helpfulness, unselfishness and co-operation.

## POLICY STATEMENT

At Corpus Christi School we take seriously our duty to promote children and young people's wellbeing and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We see our commitment to creating a smoke free environment and developing pupil's knowledge, attitudes and skills in decision making around smoking as part of our work on keeping children and young people safe around drugs and managing risk.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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.

## RATIONALE

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.

Suitable posters, displays and statutory no smoking signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke free working environment.

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 Headteacher to ensure compliance and its successful implementation, and will be reviewed each year.