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# **No Smoking/Vaping Policy**

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# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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At St. Stephen's Church of England Primary School we are proud to be a Church School with a distinct Christian character and ethos. We promote a love of learning within a safe and secure environment, in which every child matters as a precious gift from God. We believe every child is unique, different and special.

Christian values and spirituality are at the heart of all aspects of school life. Our school's Christian ethos reflects mutual care and concern- where faith, love, hope and truth flourish. Our school is a place where children are able to establish and deepen their understanding of God through prayer and reflection in daily acts of Collective Worship and Religious Education.

We provide a creative and challenging curriculum in order to inspire and motivate our pupils. We want all our children to feel secure and happy, enabling them to reach their fullest potential. We believe that happy children learn well and we thrive on celebrating the achievements of all our pupils across all areas of learning.

We aim to create an environment where children develop the confidence to think for themselves; where pupil voice is at the heart of all decision making and where all children feel valued and respected.

Our school ethos is built on mutual tolerance and respect for all human beings, regardless of beliefs culture or race. Charity and caring for those in need is fundamental to our work in school. We are all children of God so we aim to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves.

We work in partnership with governors, families; the wider community and our local Parish Church to ensure everyone has a voice in achieving the best possible education for our children.

Ultimately we are committed to excellence for all and through a process of continual reflection and evaluation we ensure that standards are continually raised and improved.

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*Our school motto encompasses all that we are about as a school. 'Let  
your light shine'*

*The motto incorporates three fundamental elements:  
The light of the Gospel message of Jesus  
The light of individual talents  
The light of learning*

## NO SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

**School:** St. Stephen's CE Primary School

**Person(s) responsible for implementation and monitoring:** Alison Richardson

**Other relevant policies** e.g. Health & well being policy, Discipline policy, Drug Education policy

As it is a legal requirement, no smoking shall be permitted on the school property at anytime. This policy will be reviewed in the event of a change in relevant legislation. The following policy and guidelines co-ordinated by the Head Teacher in full consultation with the teaching, non-teaching staff and the Governing Body forms a stand-alone policy for no smoking and vaping at St. Stephen's CE Primary School. It should be read in conjunction with Durham County Council LEA's no smoking and vaping Policy.

The policy will be known to all staff, teaching and support staff, and to any new employees. All Visitors including parents will be made aware of the no Smoking and vaping policy. The staff of this school wish to provide a smoke free environment for all young people as they are very aware that children exposed to passive smoking are more prone to chest illnesses than other children.

### RATIONALE

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society.
- Passive smoking - breathing other people's tobacco smoke - is also potentially fatal.
- It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers.
- Smoking and vaping is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.
- It is a legal requirement that we are a totally smoke-free school.
- The school has a wealth of resources to draw on. (Science, Health Education and PHSE resources are sometimes class cased, year group shared or whole school shared).

### PURPOSE

The document will:

- Provide a point of reference for future discussion and development
- Offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking and vaping.
- Contain information for other interested parties, e.g. parents, governors, advisory colleagues and inspectors.
- Encourage and promote a whole team response which reflects the common practice amongst all staff towards a healthy smoke free environment.

### AIMS

At St. Stephen's CE Primary School we aim to encourage children to respect themselves and others and to make healthy choices. We aim through relevant themes and topics to ensure that our children, because of their very young age, are provided with opportunities.

- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly.

- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body.
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines.
- To foster good relationships and habits.
- To help them to develop positive attitudes to good health.
- To answer their questions in a simple but factual way as any good parent might
- To voice their concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously and matters dealt with appropriately.

## **VISITORS**

The smoking and vaping policy applies to all visitors to the school - for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, and maintenance contractors. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence: Signs are displayed around school to indicate that smoking is not permitted. From time to time visiting specialists come into school to raise the children's awareness. (Community Police Officers, Nurse, Staff)

- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- The local education authority will be informed

**Comments related to the maintenance of this policy should be directed to the Person(s) responsible for No Smoking**