



Wellfield Academy

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1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Wellfield High School is committed to protecting staff health, safety and welfare by providing a safe place of work and protecting all workers, service users, students, parents and visitors from exposure to smoke.

All Wellfield workplaces (including its vehicles) are smoke-free in accordance with the Health Act 2006 and associated regulations. All staff and visitors have the right to a smoke-free environment.

This policy does not form part of any employee's contract of employment and it may be amended at any time.

If a member of staff wishes to suggest improvements to the policy or experience particular difficulty complying with it they should discuss the situation with their line manager or Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

Reference should also be made to the 'Wellfield High School Guidance for Conduct' which reflects relevant legislation and expectations applying to all working in the school.

2. WHO IS COVERED BY THE POLICY?

This policy covers all employees, officers, consultants, contractors, volunteers, casual workers and agency workers (collectively referred to as staff in this policy).

Anyone visiting Wellfield premises or using Wellfield vehicles must comply with the smoking restrictions set out in this policy.

3. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS POLICY?

The Governors have overall responsibility for the effective operation of this policy and for ensuring compliance with the relevant statutory framework. Day-to-day responsibility for operating the policy and ensuring its maintenance and review has been delegated to the Head of School.

SLT have specific responsibility to ensure the fair application of this policy and all members of staff are responsible for supporting colleagues and ensuring its success.

4. WHERE IS SMOKING BANNED?

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the workplace or on school grounds. The ban applies to anything that can be smoked and includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, pipes (including water pipes such as shisha and hookah pipes), cigars and herbal cigarettes.

No-smoking signs are displayed at on school.

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Anyone using Wellfield vehicles, whether as a driver or passenger, must ensure the vehicles remain smoke-free.

5. BREACHES OF THE POLICY

Breaches of this policy by any member of staff will be dealt with under the school's Disciplinary Procedures and, in serious cases, may be treated as gross misconduct leading to summary dismissal.

Smoking in smoke-free premises or vehicles is also a criminal offence and may result in a fixed penalty fine and/or prosecution.

6. POLICY REVIEW

This policy is reviewed and approved by the Executive Headteacher and Chair of Governors.

Signed by:			
Mrs L Gwinnett	Executive Headteacher	Date	February 2020
Mrs C Gaynor	Chair of Governors		