



Smoking Policy

Introduction

At Longwood Primary School we value the health and welfare of all within our community as a key priority. We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being, and is also a vital factor in promoting emotional health.

It is important that our policy and approach to smoking should reflect changing social attitudes. Consequently, the school, grounds and playing fields and the whole campus has been designated a non-smoking area.

The Policy

It is the policy of Longwood Primary School that smoking will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on the school premises. This includes:

- All school buildings
- All school grounds (including the playing fields)
- All off-site activities
- All educational and other visits
- All outside lettings

The policy applies to **EVERYONE** involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Students
- Parents
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site
- Anyone attending an outside letting

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our non-smoking policy and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

As part of that strategy, we will:

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking, and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies through the PSHÉ curriculum;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.

- Ensure that the policy is regularly made known to all concerned, including staff, pupils, parents/carers, voluntary helpers and hirers.

Staff

We do not allow smoking on the school premises, as we do not want to present smoking as acceptable. Nor do we wish to present adult smokers as role models. Because of this, we do not allow smoking even in the staff-room or on the school campus. If any member of staff wishes to smoke, s/he must leave the school site. Should we find any member of staff smoking at school, we would consider this a serious breach of the terms of employment.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following Acts of Parliament:

- The Human Rights Act
- Equal Opportunities Act.

Other policies which may be useful to read in conjunction with this policy are:

- PHSE
- Science
- Anti-Drug Policy