

Smoking Policy

Hook Infant and Junior Schools

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Aim

To create a smoke-free environment at Hook Infant and Junior Schools

Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide an environment at which is free from the harmful effects of tobacco for students, staff and visitors.
- To support a smoke free future for all students.
- To promote a consistent message regarding the dangers of tobacco to young people and provide good role models.
- To offer support and guidance to persons who wish to stop smoking.

Rationale

Smoking is the primary cause of preventable illness and premature death, accounting for approximately 100,000 deaths a year in the United Kingdom (ASH 2014: www.ash.org.uk).

- Breathing in other people's cigarette smoke is called secondhand smoke (SHS) and it has been estimated that domestic exposure to SHS in the UK causes around 2,700 deaths in people aged 20-63. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children (ASH, 2014: www.ash.org.uk).

- The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.
- The Health Act 2006 requires all indoor workplaces to be smoke-free and for smoke free signage to be placed at all entrances. This includes schools.
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and smoking prevention.
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that one of the biggest factors affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking (HSCIC, Smoking, drinking and drug use amongst young people in England in 2014: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB17879>).

Scope of policy

For the purposes of this policy the term 'smoking' includes any tobacco-based product.

For the purposes of this policy the term 'vaping' includes the use of any form of electronic cigarette whether it contains nicotine.

For the purposes of this policy the term 'smokefree' refers to a site where there is neither smoking nor vaping.

Restrictions on smoking and vaping within the workplace

Smoking or vaping is not permitted in any part of the school premises, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, walkway, etc.) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this total smokefree policy will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the policy at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

This policy applies to employees, students, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school's premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of the policy.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smokefree policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events.

Designated smoking areas

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises.

Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking or vaping in the workplace will be provided, although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking.

Vehicles

The smoke-free policy will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles. This is required by the Health Act 2006. Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers. Vaping will not be allowed inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Residential Trips

The smoke-free policy will apply to all residential trips and the accommodation used. Student safety will be paramount and support will be provided to the most addicted smokers during the course of the trip.

Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees and students in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting the Hampshire Stop Smoking Service, www.smokefreehampshire.co.uk through regular health promoting lessons and events. They will also support the use of licensed nicotine replacement products in school by pupils when they are being supervised as part of a stop smoking programme. Smokefree Hampshire will provide the school on request with information on giving up smoking and services to support school staff, students and parents/carers (either on or off site). Where practicable, requests from employees to attend smoking cessation programmes during working hours will be supported.

Electronic Cigarettes

The charging or use of any vape/electronic cigarette on school premises will not be permitted.

Signage

No Smoking Signs will be displayed at all main entrances to the school buildings (as required by the Health Act 2006).

New Buildings

This policy will apply equally to all future premises at the design stage of any new building, and refurbishment or relocation project.

Appointments

Hook Infant and Junior schools are Smokefree Schools and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus.

Links

Health and Safety

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

Guidance

The policy was developed in line with recommended good practice from NICE and the National Healthy Schools programme.

Drug Education

School smoking policies should be linked to school drug and health and safety policies. Ref: The DFE and ACPO Drugs Guidance for Schools (2012).

Council Policy

This Smokefree Policy also falls in line with recommendations by Hampshire County Council.

Review

This will be reviewed every three years.

For further information

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the Smokefree Policy please contact Hook Infant or Hook Junior School.