



RYECROFT C. E. MIDDLE SCHOOL

POLICY STATEMENT

NO SMOKING

Part of the Uttoxeter Learning Trust

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The Vision of the Staff, Pupils and Governors of Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

Embracing a culture where no child is left behind, we value and respect all the children that God has put in our care.

We enrich the lives of our children and ensure that Ryecroft is a safe, happy and inspiring place, embodying the Christian values of trust, humility and perseverance.

Philippians 2:4

“Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others”

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The law

- The Health Act 2006 was established ‘to make provision for the prohibition of smoking in premises, places and vehicles; for amending the minimum age of persons to whom tobacco may be sold and to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections’.
- “Smoking” refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of lit tobacco or of anything lit which contains tobacco or being in possession of any other lit substance in a form in which it could be smoked. For the purposes of this policy smoking also refers to the smoking or ‘vaping’ of electronic cigarettes.
- Premises must be smoke-free if they are open to the public and/or are used as a place of work. The school premises include all buildings, sports fields and areas under the auspices of Ryecroft C.E. Middle School.
- Smoking is also prohibited on vehicles hired by the school or in any vehicle on the school premises.
- Ryecroft C.E. Middle School is a no-smoking site according to law. It is therefore unacceptable for anyone to smoke on the school site at any time. The law prohibits the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, e-liquids, lighters or matches to young people under the age of 18.

Banned Items

Tobacco, cigarette papers, e-cigarettes, vaporisers of all types, including Shisha pens, and all smoking related paraphernalia are deemed to be banned items.

E-Cigarettes

- Despite some manufacturers’ claims that electronic cigarettes are harmless there is also evidence to suggest that electronic cigarettes contain toxic substances, including small amounts of formaldehyde and acetaldehyde, which are carcinogenic to humans;
- The British Medical Association says there is not enough evidence to show that e-cigarettes are safe.
- It is the School’s aim to discourage all users, particularly pupils, from smoking on or around its premises and/or grounds and to allow e-cigarettes would go against this principle.

Aims and Objectives

Our **aim** is for the School is to be a smoke free environment as well as one that promotes the health and welfare of all who work in, attend or visit the School. There is a wide range of evidence that shows the negative impact smoking/passive smoking has on people in terms of increased risk in the number of cancers, heart disease, diabetes and reducing their life span.

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The School's **objectives** are

- compliance with Government legislation;
- to protect the pupils, staff, parents/carers, visitors and contractors from the effects of tobacco smoke;
- to encourage pupils to be resilient to the pressures on them to take up smoking (including the use of e-cigarettes) and enable them to make informed, responsible choices not to smoke;
- to provide supportive and consistent links to the curriculum;

To whom this policy applies, where and when.

The whole school site is designated a no-smoking site this includes out of school hours and out of term time. Everyone involved with the school community is expected to adhere to the No-Smoking Policy. Those groups are:

- Employees / trainee teachers
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Parents/Carers
- Contractors working on site
- Individuals using the facilities
- Individuals attending a letting
- Individuals attending a social event

Employees – Teaching and Non-Teaching (including trainee teachers, supply or temporary staff, and volunteer helpers)

Employees are recognised 'role models' and as such are required:

- Not to smoke on or around the school premises and grounds;
- Not to smoke in sight of pupils, including all school visits (day and residential) and whilst exercising direct responsibility for pupils on off-site activities e.g. travelling to and from events, school fixtures etc.
- When on a school trip abroad follow the school's no-smoking policy;
- Not to purchase cigarettes from duty free if accompanying a school trip.

The School recognises that staff or pupils who smoke may need support, either to give up smoking or help control their smoking. The School will direct employees to the NHS Stop Smoking national helpline number to get free advice (0300 123 1044).

For staff finding it particularly difficult to adhere to this No Smoking Policy, it may be appropriate to seek assistance from an Occupational Health Adviser. In extreme

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circumstances the School will refer to its Disciplinary Procedures

Parents and Carers

- Parents and carers are requested to adhere to the No-Smoking/E-Smoking Policy and refrain from smoking on and around the school grounds. This also includes in vehicles parked on the school site.
- Parents and carers are discouraged from smoking just outside the School grounds.

Visitors, including contractors and those using attending social events or using the School's Facilities

- The No Smoking/E-Smoking Policy applies to all visitors to the School, including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors;
- The Policy applies all year round. This includes out of school hours and out of term time.

Pupils

- Pupils are not allowed to smoke, vape or have any smoking related paraphernalia in their possession at school or whilst engaged in any off-site activity representing the School, for example, educational visits, trips abroad and sporting fixtures;
- Pupils must not smoke whilst travelling to or from school or when in Ryecroft C.E. Middle School uniform;
- Pupils must not be present when other pupils are smoking.

Procedures relating to smoking or e-smoking with regard to pupils of Ryecroft C.E. Middle School

1. The school reserves the right to search pupils suspected of smoking or vaping or of having smoking related paraphernalia in their possession.
2. Any pupil found smoking or vaping, or in possession of smoking/ vaping related equipment on school premises or on the way to and from school will have items confiscated and thrown away; parents or carers will be contacted and a detention issued.
3. Any pupil associating with pupils found smoking or vaping will be subject to the same procedures as above, at the school's discretion.
4. Repeat offenders will be dealt with following the sanctions as outlined in the School Behaviour Policy.

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Searching and Confiscation

The Head of School, and any member of staff authorised by him, have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupils may have a prohibited item.

- The Head of School, or the member of staff representing him, can decide not to use these powers.
- Authorised members of staff have the power to search where a pupil refuses a reasonable request to, for example, turn out his/her pockets, but this does not impose any duty upon members of staff to carry out a search.
- Teachers have to have reasonable suspicion that the pupil has a prohibited item and the search should take place on school property or where the member of staff has lawful charge of the pupil, for example, on school trips or in training settings in England (the powers only apply in England).
- The person searching must be the same sex as the pupil and it must be carried out in the presence of another member of staff. Where reasonably practicable they should also be the same sex as the pupil;
- The pupil may not be asked to remove any clothing other than outer clothing (clothing not touching skin or underwear).
- Possessions means any goods over which the pupil has or appears to have control – this includes desks, lockers and bags. A pupil's possessions can only be searched in the presence of the pupil and another member of staff.
- If a member of staff finds any banned items, they may retain or dispose of them as they think appropriate but this should not include returning them to the pupil.
- The School does not require the consent of a parent/carer to carry out a search, nor do they need to inform parents when a search has been carried out.
- A record of the search will be made on the management information system.

Roles and Responsibilities

The whole school site is designated as a no-smoking site. This includes out of school hours and out of term time. Everyone involved with the school community is expected to adhere to the No-Smoking/E-Cigarette Policy.

Governing Body

The Governing Body has the responsibility to ensure the School has an up-to-date No-Smoking Policy and to ensure that the school complies with Government legislation.

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Head of School

The Head of School's responsibilities in respect to smoking are to:

- Work with the Governing Body to ensure compliance with Government legislation.
- Liaise with the PSHCE Co-ordinator and Lead for Science to ensure the effective delivery of the smoking education within the curriculum, and that it is being monitored.
- Keep the Governing Body fully informed of provision, issues and progress around smoking.
- Act upon any concerns which may arise from pupils' or staff smoking behaviours.
- Effectively manage the school site, limiting the places and opportunities for pupils to smoke through effective deployment of staff at break times and lunchtime.

PSHCE Co-Ordinator and Lead Teacher for Science

The School has a Lead Teacher of PSHCE and Science who are responsible for all aspects of the subject, including education on smoking. In respect of smoking, responsibilities are to:

- ensure the implementation and quality of long term and medium term schemes of work for PSHCE and Science that incorporates education on smoking;
- ensure that all staff are confident in the skills to teach and discuss issues related to smoking;
- consider the needs of all pupils and, to achieve this, recognise that the School might need to address some specific issues;
- access appropriate training;
- monitor and advise on smoking curriculum organisation, planning and resource issues across the School;
- ensure procedures for assessment, monitoring and evaluation are included;
- liaise with any service provision to support aspects of smoking;

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Delivery and Curriculum for Effective Education on Smoking

The evidence base indicates the following aspects ensure the delivery of a good quality 'no-smoking' curriculum, which the School will have regard to:

- Research shows that good quality smoking education has the potential to delay the onset of smoking and to increase young people's knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about smoking;
- The curriculum is based on pupils' identified needs;
- The curriculum is developmentally appropriate to the age, maturity and capability of the pupils;
- Research has consistently shown that scare tactics and fear-based approaches are not effective;
- Opportunities to research and investigate problems and issues in society/locally;
- Pupils can see the relevance to their lives and can apply it to their lives;
- The message provided is credible, both the positives and the negatives;
- A social influence approach which focusses on the more immediate consequences for themselves, particularly loss of face with friends and peers or negative self-image, rather than focus on long-term implications for their health or consequences for others;
- Focus on sustaining the choices of the majority of young people who do not smoke using the normative education approach. This means providing young people with the data that the majority of young people do not smoke, reinforcing that the use of tobacco may not be as widespread or as common as they believe;
- Include information on why young people choose to smoke, explanation or addiction, what treatments and support is available to support people in giving up and how to access the support (e.g. stop smoking groups, nicotine replacement patches);
- Link to national campaigns e.g. no-smoking day and future career aspirations.
- Evidence suggests that interactive educative programmes supported by peers are particularly effective when exploring attitudes.

The School will follow the guidance that an effective smoking educational programme should be firmly embedded within the School's framework for PSHCE and the National Curriculum for Science.

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Monitoring and Evaluation

The smoking education curriculum is regularly monitored with the schools framework for teaching and learning and delivery of the curriculum. The views of pupils, parents/carers and teachers are used to make changes and improvements to the programme on an ongoing basis.

This Policy will be formally reviewed every two years for the following purposes:

- ✓ To review and plan the content and deliver of the programme of study for smoking education;
- ✓ To review resources and renew as appropriate;
- ✓ To update training in line with current guidance and staff identified needs.

Providing Stop Smoking Support

There is a wide range of evidence that shows the negative impact smoking has on people in terms of increased risk in a number of cancers, heart disease, diabetes and reducing their life span. The younger a person is when they start to smoke, the more likely they are to develop long-term nicotine addiction and have an increased chance of becoming a regular smoker in adulthood. As such, it is important that interventions are available both to prevent young people from smoking and to reduce the number of young people continuing to smoke.

Further Support and Information

- Smokefree National Helpline on **0300 123 1044**
- www.smokefree.nhs.uk – a range of information on smoking and support for quitting
- www.gasp.org.uk – for information on smoking and resources
- www.ash.org.uk – information that young people can assess about smoking.

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Signed on behalf of the Governing Body

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