

Ludlow Junior School
Smoking and e-cigarette policy
Reviewed: October 2017
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Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in society. Schools have a major role to play in working towards the prevention of smoking amongst pupils and providing a safe environment, free from second hand smoke. Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes represent a health and safety issue for schools. NICE Guidance (2010) on Schools Based Interventions to Prevent Smoking recommends that these policies should sit within wider school strategy on well-being, drugs and alcohol, and behaviour.

This guidance can be found at

<http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ph23/chapter/recommendations>.

Key Elements of the Policy:

- A Smoke Free Environment in School
- Education and Promotion of Healthy Choices
- Support for Pupils, Parents and Staff to Quit

A Smoke Free Environment in School

□ There should be no smoking by students, staff or visitors in the buildings or on any part of the site at any time. **The use or charging of electronic cigarettes on site is not permitted.**

□ Pupils found in possession of smoking or electronic cigarette paraphernalia will have it confiscated, and stored safely. Parents/Carers may collect the items within 7 days, after which they will be disposed of.

□ Students found to be smoking, **or associating with others who are smoking**, will be sanctioned as soon as practicable from the time of the transgression.

Sanctions for school to consider:

- Report of incident to be completed by member of staff and passed to relevant senior member of staff
- Incident logged on information management systems
- Parents/carers to be notified of incident
- Detention/exclusion/isolation
- For repeat offenders seek assistance from Local Enforcement Officer in accordance with the penalties set out in the Health Act 2006.

□ Staff who choose to smoke or use an e-cigarette off site must ensure that they are a sufficient distance from the school so that they are not visible by pupils or visitors.

Support for pupils, parents and staff

□ Pupils who are found to be smoking should be offered support to quit. Where available, this can be from a member of school staff who is trained as a stop smoking adviser. Where no one is available and **pupils express a keen interest in quitting** they should be referred to the local NHS stop smoking service.

□ The school will support pupils using licensed Nicotine Replacement Products as part of a supervised NHS stop smoking programme.

□ As part of a whole school approach to smoking, the school will from time to time communicate the benefits of quitting smoking to parents via usual methods of communication and give details of local sources of support to quit.

□ The school will support local and national initiatives aimed at smoking prevention and cessation and where possible take part in events and activities to encourage parents and carers to quit smoking and create a smoke free environment in the home.

□ There will be a named member of staff with responsibility for the smoke free agenda within the school.

Education and Promotion of Healthy Choices

□ Pupils will be supported to make healthy choices in relation to smoking through education in PSHE lessons and the general school curriculum.

□ Staff will liaise with relevant agencies such as Hampshire County Council and NHS Stop Smoking Services to stay up to date on issues relating to smoking and teaching resources.