

Lemington Riverside Primary School

Non-Smoking Policy

Introduction

Lemington Riverside Primary School is situated in the Outer West of Newcastle. We are in an area of high deprivation, with high unemployment, a lot of single parent families and health problems among many of the families. There is a high incidence of asthma among the pupils. Our vision is to ensure that opportunities exist for everyone to reach their full potential by consistently promoting high standards in a happy, safe and secure environment of which we can all be proud. In order to achieve this we need a healthy atmosphere in which to work and encourage our children to lead healthy lifestyles. The school has been a no smoking school since September 1999.

Rationale

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society
- Passive smoking – breathing other people's tobacco smoke – is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff, parents and visitors
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within school

Aims

- To maintain a non-smoking school
- To be a health promoting school
- To reinforce non-smoking education in the curriculum, within a smoke free environment

Guidelines

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school site (buildings and grounds) by any person at any time (including staff, pupils, visitors, parents and contractors.) School staff are not allowed to smoke in their own cars when used on school business and there are other employees, voluntary staff, parents or pupils in the car.

- Clearly worded signs are sited showing policy
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary

- New parents, staff, visitors will be informed of the policy – through the handbook / signs
- Staff who request assistance to give up smoking will be referred to the free Smoking Cessation Service provided by the Occupational Health unit
- Disciplinary action will be taken against employees who fail to comply with this policy

Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years to ensure that it continues to meet its aims. This is the responsibility of the Headteacher.

Any person found smoking on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette immediately or asked to leave the school grounds. This is the responsibility of all of the staff.

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