

# The Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools – Anti Smoking Policy

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## **ANTI-SMOKING POLICY**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This anti-smoking policy also applies to the use of electronic cigarettes. The use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited.

- 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 and parents.
- Everyone has a 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 the school

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke and e-cigarette vapours in the workplace.
- To demonstrate the school’s commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff.
- To provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.

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### **RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING**

#### **Staff**

All staff – teaching, support and peripatetic, may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.

#### **Pupils**

Pupils may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.

#### **Parents**

Parents may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds. Parents will be informed of this restriction during the pupil induction process, in intermittent reminders on the newsletter and by being signposted to this policy on the school website.

#### **Visitors**

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school, for example parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, contractors, sports coaches etc. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence:

- Policy posted on school blogs.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

### **SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The prohibition of smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, e.g. educational visits.

### **SCHOOL PREMISES UTILISED OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS**

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will still remain in operation.

Procedures

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If staff are found smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes on school premises, grounds or school related activities this will be deemed to be committing an act of gross misconduct and will be subject to disciplinary action.

If parents or visitors are found smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes on school premises or grounds, they will be required to leave the premises or grounds immediately and may not be permitted to return. Parents assisting on school activities and educational visits are subject to the same no smoking policy as staff.

### **SYSTEMS OF SUPPORT**

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes can seek support and advice from:

- NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)
- Croydon Stop Smoking Service (<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/daservices/croydon-stop-smoking-service-2>)
- GP Surgeries

### **IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING**

Members of staff will be given an electronic copy of this policy, which will become part of the Staff Code of Conduct.

Parents will be informed of the policy.

Members of staff will inform school visitors of the policy.

Signs and notices will be posted in prominent positions throughout the school premises.