

SMOKE FREE POLICY at Townley School

Introduction

We are committed to achieving the five outcomes for children as stated in Every Child Matters. When considering the use of tobacco on our premises the 'Be Healthy' outcome is paramount. In our community drug policy we state a commitment to developing an effective 'Smoke Free' policy.

Our Smoke Free policy directly relates to the school drug and Health and Safety policies.

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law.
- To protect the pupils, staff and members of the community from exposure to second hand smoke
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and promote the benefit of a smoke free lifestyle to our pupils.
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop.

Restrictions on Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the premises, entrances or grounds at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business with the school.

Because of our commitment to the well-being of children and the wider health of the community, this smoke free policy extends to the use of our building outside school hours. This will be agreed before hand with those who hire our premises.

Visitors

All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the smoke free policy. Staff members are expected to remind parents and visitors of the no-smoking policy. However they are not expected to enter into any confrontation which may put their personal safety at risk.

Vehicles

Smoking is not permitted in vehicles being used on school business, including taxis and school buses. This is outlined further in 'Supporting the Cambridgeshire Community Drug Policy' B9 'Considering Drug Issues and Home School Transport'.

Support for smokers

We will supply information and contact details of local NHS Stop Smoking Services for our local area **East Cambs and Fenland – 0800 018 4304** or the National Don't Give Up Giving Up free-phone helpline – **0800 018 43049**.

Disciplinary Action

Staff who disregard the policy will be disciplined according to usual disciplinary procedures.

Monitoring and reviewing

This policy will be monitored annually and reviewed every two years to ensure it continues to meet the aims.

The Smoke Free Policy Co-ordinator is PSHE Co-ordinator/Health Promoting Schools Co-ordinator.

This policy was adopted by the governors at their meeting on