



# Whinney Banks Primary School

## **No Smoking Policy (Reviewed November 2016)**

**Policy consultation partners:** Senior Leadership Team, Governing Body, Healthy Schools, Middlesbrough Council.

**Date Policy Becomes Effective:** February 2010

**Review Date:** November 2017

**Policy approved by Governors:** February 2010

### **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 and parents.
- 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 the school.
- The Health Act 2006 introduced legislation to make all enclosed workplaces and public places smoke free from 1 July 2007. This policy enhances this legislation.

It is the intention of the governors of Whinney Banks Primary School that it will be a totally smoke-free school.

## **Aims of the Policy**

The policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of children, staff, parents and visitors.
- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with smoking and exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Support the health and well-being of our young people through an education that enables them to make informed choice.

## **Restrictions on smoking**

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the premises, entrances to grounds/buildings or within the grounds at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business at Whinney Banks Primary School.

Smoking is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school outings.

**Exception:** As our caretaker's home is located on school grounds, smoking is permitted by the caretaker, family and friends either indoors or in the garden areas. **However, it must be noted that staff and pupils must not view the caretaker's home as a designated smoking area on school premises.**

## **Visitors**

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school - for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, and repair people. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence:

- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Letters will be sent home to parents.

Staff members are expected to inform 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 any vehicles being used on school business.

## **Implementation**

A whole school approach will be used when developing and reviewing this policy. **Whinney Banks Primary School** will ensure that adequate signage is displayed and maintained.

Tobacco will be dealt with in the same way as any other drug, therefore the Incident Management procedures, as detailed in our Drug Education Policy, will be followed, ensuring staff and pupils who breach this policy are disciplined appropriately.

### **Publicising the Policy**

- The policy will be present in the School Prospectus and “Information for new and visiting staff”.
- The policy will be available on the school website.

### **Monitoring and reviewing**

Changes to legislation and guidance will be considered as part of the review process. This policy will be reviewed in line with the school review cycle to ensure that it continues to meet the aims.

### **Support for smokers**

For those who smoke, information with regard to local NHS Stop Smoking Services can be contacted on 0300 123 1044.