



UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	
Article 33	You have the right to be protected from harmful; drugs and from the drug trade.

1.0 Aim

To create a smoke free environment at Cranford Park CE Primary School.

2.0 Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide an environment at Cranford Park which is free from the harmful effects of tobacco for pupils, staff and visitors.
- To support a smoke free future for all pupils.
- To promote a consistent message regarding the dangers of tobacco to young people and provide good role models.
- To offer support and guidance to pupils who wish to stop smoking.
- To provide young people with a consistent message regarding tobacco and smoking and appropriate role models.

3.0 Rationale

- Smoking is the primary cause of preventable illness and premature death, accounting for approximately 100,000 deaths a year in the United Kingdom (ASH 2014: www.ash.org.uk).
- Breathing in other people's cigarette smoke is called second hand smoke (SHS) and it has been estimated that domestic exposure to SHS in the UK causes around 2,700 deaths in people aged 20-63. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children (ASH, 2014: www.ash.org.uk).
- The school/college under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.
- The Health Act 2006 requires all indoor workplaces to be smokefree and for smokefree signage to be placed at all entrances. This includes schools/colleges.

- Schools/colleges have a major role to play in health education and prevention.
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school/college. It has been shown that one of the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking (HSCIC, Smoking, drinking and drug use amongst young people in England in 2014: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB17879>).

4.0 Scope of policy

For the purposes of this policy the term 'smoking' includes any tobacco based product and the use of any form of electronic cigarette, whether or not it contains nicotine.

5.0 Restrictions on smoking within the workplace

Smoking or the use of electronic cigarettes is NOT be permitted in any part of the school premises, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, walkway, etc.) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this total smoke free policy will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work.

This policy applies to employees, students, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school premises. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of the policy.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smokefree policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of students, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

6.0 Designated smoking areas

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises.

7.0 Student Smoking

Students will not be permitted to smoke during the school day, either on the premises or outside neighbouring areas. Students will not be permitted to smoke in uniform at any time. Any students found in possession of cigarettes or smoking paraphernalia (such as lighters and electronic cigarettes) will have

them confiscated for parents to collect. Non-compliance by students will be dealt with in agreement of the school's Disciplinary Procedure.

8.0 Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace will be provided although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking (see paragraph 10.0).

9.0 Vehicles

The smokefree policy will apply to all school/college owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles. This is required by the Health Act 2006. Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

10.0 Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting the NHS Southern Health Foundation Trust Stop Smoking Service (Quit4Life). They will also support the use of licensed nicotine replacement products in school by employees when they are being supervised as part of an NHS stop smoking programme. Quit4life will provide the school on request with information on giving up smoking and services to support school staff and parents/carers (either on or off site).

11.0 Electronic Cigarettes

The charging or use of any electronic cigarette on school premises will not be permitted.

12.0 Signage

A5 No Smoking Signs will be displayed at all main entrances to the school buildings (as required by the Health Act 2006). Suitable posters will also be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smokefree working environment.

13.0 New Buildings

This policy will apply equally to all future premises at the design stage of any new building, and refurbishment or relocation project.

14.0 Appointments

This is a Smokefree School and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school/college prospectus.

15.0 Links

- **Health and Safety**

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

- **Guidance**

The policy was developed in line with recommended good practice from NICE and the National Healthy Schools programme.

- **Drug Education**

School smoking policies should be linked to school drug and health and safety policies. Ref: The DFE and ACPO Drugs Guidance for Schools (2012).

- **Council Policy**

This Smokefree Policy also falls in line with recommendations by Hampshire County Council.

16.0 Review

The policy will be monitored and evaluated by:

- Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

The policy and/or procedures will, where necessary, be revised in light of these evaluations.

This policy should be read in conjunction with all other school policies in particular Health and Safety Policy

The Governing Body believes that fairness and consistency of judgement is essential to the operation of the school. All members of the school have equality of opportunity to achieve their full potential and will not be discriminated against because of age, disability, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, race, or religion. The Governing Body believes that the school always has to be aware of the potential for unconscious discrimination, to avoid assumptions about individual members of the school based on stereotypes and to use the teaching and learning arrangements actively to encourage everyone to achieve their full potential. All our policies are consistent with our duty of care to protect our pupils and to provide a learning environment that is safe and healthy. In all our dealings, we respect the strict code of confidentiality that underpins our school ethos.

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