

## Wilton and Barford CE VC Primary School

### Smoking Policy

It is the aim of the policy to help promote & encourage healthy lifestyles. As part of its commitment to the Healthy Schools Programme, the school teaches students about the dangers of smoking and it is therefore important for the school to provide an environment which complements and does not negate this teaching. The school also has a duty to protect the health of staff, students and visitors to the school.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Smoking is an addictive habit, generally acquired in childhood, which is the leading cause of preventable death in the United Kingdom. Around **114,000** people die from a smoking-related disease every year. It is estimated that a further **11,000** people die every year as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY**

- To protect non-smokers from exposure to secondhand smoke
- To demonstrate the school's commitment to protecting the health of its staff, students and the community it serves.
- To educate students and staff about the health risks of smoking.
- To provide support for those who wish to stop smoking.
- To effect savings through reduced fire risk, cleaning costs and insurance premiums.

#### **THE SCHOOL POLICY**

- Any school who has been awarded Healthy Schools Status or are working towards it, the Status requires outdoor areas to be smoke free. Wilton and Barford CE VC Primary School is a smoke free environment. Smoking is not permitted in any buildings or in the school grounds. Smoking will not be allowed on the school site and by Law the school is not required to provide smoking breaks or outside smoking areas.

#### **Students**

- Students will not be permitted to smoke while on school premises or while in public wearing school uniform.
- Students will not be permitted to smoke while engaged in school-related activities outside of school hours.
- Smoking cessation advice and support in the form of stop smoking groups or one-to one meetings are to be offered to any student who asks for it.
- Contravention of no smoking rules will be regarded as breach of discipline and/or behaviour and the matter will be pursued through the normal disciplinary procedures.

## **Staff**

- Staff are not allowed to smoke on the school premises.
- Staff are not allowed to smoke in the presence/sight of pupils or parents, on or near the school premises or whilst in charge of pupils from the school. This includes trips/activities outside school hours.
- Contravention of the no smoking rules will be regarded as a breach of discipline and the matter will be pursued through the normal disciplinary procedures.

## **Visitors to school**

- All visitors, including parents, Governors and suppliers will not be permitted to smoke on school premises

## **Those leasing or hiring the school premises**

- Persons using the school premises, for any purpose, at any time, will not be permitted to smoke. This policy is also highlighted in the Lettings Policy.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY**

- Members of staff will be given a copy of this policy which will become part of their contract for employment.
- Parents will be informed by newsletter.
- Members of staff will inform visitors as appropriate.
- Signs and notices shall be posted at entrances and exits to the school grounds and buildings and in prominent positions throughout the school.

## **PENALTIES FOR NON COMPLIANCE**

Responsibility for compliance rests with the headteacher

## **SUPPORT FOR SMOKERS**

Members of staff and students who wish to stop smoking will be encouraged and supported.

Date Policy adopted:

Signed Head teacher:

Signed: CoG