

Every Child Matters Academy Trust

Smoke Free Policy

The terms Trust and School (and levels within e.g. governors and trustees) are interchangeable and apply to all schools within the Trust

Introduction

The Trust appreciates that SMOKING is harmful to health, and so it strongly discourages its children and adults from smoking. Following the Smoking Ban in 2007, the school building and its surroundings are smoke free. Although outside its authority, the school considers that this also includes the immediate area outside the school entrance and parents are asked to refrain from smoking in this area so as to avoid the 'smoke tunnel' that children may have to walk through.

Context

This policy links to the school's written policies on:

- Drug Education
- PSHCE
- Science (teaching and learning)
- Confidentiality
- Behaviour
- Off site visits

This policy applies to all forms of smoking including cigarettes, pipes, e-cigarettes etc.

Aims and Objectives

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking, and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.

Reasons to Develop and Adopt a Smoke Free Policy

- To reduce the harm that smoking does to the community by making the school a smoke free environment.
- To reduce the number of children who choose to smoke at some stage in their lives
- To contribute to the further development of a healthy school
- To reduce the health risks and nuisance of passive smoking which could lead to coughs, chest infections and breathing difficulties (which may lead to absences)
- To provide 'signposts' of support for those who do wish to stop smoking
- To reduce smoking even among those members of staff who do not stop

Teaching and Learning

The children will be taught;

- Knowledge of the effects of tobacco on the body which will be delivered through science across the key stages
- Skills to develop and maintain a smoke free lifestyle will be taught and practised through the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum using resources such as the Barnsley Scheme of Work, Miss Dorothy.Com and 'Health for Life'. A variety of teaching styles will be used to meet the needs of all learners.

A sensitive approach will be taken when teaching issues related to smoking.

Policy

Signs around school will clearly state that the school is smoke free and quit smoking leaflets will be available in the school's Reception area. The parents of pupils who have been caught smoking or handling

items associated with smoking will be contacted immediately and appropriate sanctions will be given by the school. Support for pupils to stop smoking and for those children whose parents smoke will be made available through the school's Parents Support Advisor (PSA), school nurse and smoking support agencies.

Smoking is not allowed on the school premises and the school does not present adult smokers as role models. Should any member of **staff or supply staff** be found smoking at school, then this will be considered a serious breach of the terms of employment and formal disciplinary action will be taken.

If there are **parents, volunteers or visitors** found smoking on the school grounds then they will be politely asked by a member of staff to refrain. If there are further instances of such adults smoking on the school grounds then a letter will be written asking them to cease and support for smoking cessation will be provided. Should this behaviour continue then they will be banned from the premises..

Monitoring and Review

It is the role of the Head to ensure that this policy is fully implemented. Trustees will approve and review this policy and the PHSCE co-ordinator will monitor the policy's implementation.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on _____29th September 2022_____



Chair of Trustees _____ CEO _____

