



Smoke Free School Policy

Agreed by the Chapel Allerton Primary school 2025

Introduction

At Chapel Allerton Primary School, we value the health and welfare of all within our community as a key priority. As part of our duty to keep children and young people safe we are committed to creating a smoke free environment and developing pupils' knowledge, attitudes and skills in decision making around smoking.

It is important to us that our policy and approach to smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) should reflect changing social attitudes, and actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drugs education.

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of pupils, staff and visitors.
- raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke
- protect all members of the school community from the harms of second-hand smoke and prevent the uptake of, and reduce the prevalence of, smoking across the school community.
- comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law

Restrictions on Smoking

In accordance with law on smoking in public places, Chapel Allerton Primary School will not allow smoking or vaping in any of its buildings and notices to this effect are displayed at all entrances to the school.

It is the policy of Chapel Allerton Primary School that smoking or vaping will not be allowed anywhere on the school premises, including the playing fields.

Smoking is not permitted in vehicles or any vehicles being used on school business.

The school will also not permit smoking or vaping at any off-site activities, or during educational and other visits.

The above applies to everyone involved with the school community in any way:

- Staff
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site
- Anyone attending an outside letting.

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our Smoke Free Policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

Roles and Responsibilities

Head teacher - It is the responsibility of the Head teacher to implement the school Smoke Free Policy and to ensure that all staff are aware of the policy and know how to deal with any reported incidents. The Head teacher reports to the governing body about the Smoke Free Policy and its effectiveness on request. The Head teacher ensures that all children, parents and visitors know that smoking or vaping is not allowed in school.

Staff - All staff should adhere to the Smoke Free Policy. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the policy and intervene where smoking is seen or reported.

Governing Body - The Governing Body support the Head teacher in all attempts to ban smoking or vaping within our school grounds.

Children - The children are required to learn of the health risks associated with smoking and to understand that smoking or vaping is not allowed within our school.

Responding to smoking related incidents

The following procedures will apply when there is non-compliance with the Smoke Free Policy.

Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, stop using their e-cigarette and/ or leave the premises.

Monitoring and review

The Smoke Free Policy will be reviewed **November 2028**