



# Barlby Bridge CP School

## Vape/Smoke Free Pupil Policy

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### Introduction

At our school, we take seriously our duty to promote children’s and young people’s wellbeing and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We are committed to creating a smoke/vape free environment and developing pupil’s knowledge, attitudes and skills in decision making around smoking/vaping. It is a key part of our work on keeping children and young people safe around drugs and managing their personal risk.

### Aim

The aim of this policy is to ensure a whole-school approach to educating pupils on the risks associated with smoking /vaping in order to protect all members of the school community from the harms of second-hand smoke and to prevent the uptake of, and reduce the prevalence of, smoking/vaping across the school community.

## Objectives

- To provide a smoke free/vape free environment for the whole school community.
- To ensure that smoking/vaping education is part of the school's progressive curriculum of drug education / PSHE (including the health effects, legal, economic and social aspects of tobacco/vape use).
- To ensure that all staff promote positive attitudes and behaviour in relation to smoking and vaping.
- To ensure that staff have the knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures and agreed practice to support the implementation of the smoke free/vape free policy.
- To involve all staff, governors, pupils, parents/carers and members of the wider school community including outside agencies as appropriate, in the development of policy and practice in relation to smoking /vaping.
- To adopt and support interventions that aim to prevent the uptake of smoking/vaping amongst pupils, staff, parents/carers and members of the wider school community.
- To involve the wider school community in interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking/vaping in children and young people, by providing support for parents and carers through helping them to talk to their children about smoking/vaping and other risk taking behaviours.
- To provide assistance for pupils, staff and other members of the school community who smoke/vape and wish to stop.
- To ensure that the school's smoke free/vape free policy is applied when children / young people are taken off site.

## Curriculum Headlines

- Vaping is not for children.
- While vaping can help people quit smoking, if you don't smoke don't vape; vaping is more harmful than doing neither.
- The key ages for take up are 16, 17 and particularly 18, although it can occur earlier. Curriculum design should reflect this.
- It is not illegal to smoke or vape underage and punishment should be proportionate.
- Children should not be excluded from school for vaping or smoking, unless it is associated with other disruptive behaviour which justifies this.
- Although it is illegal to sell cigarettes or nicotine containing vapes to under-18s, the main source of supply to children of cigarettes and vapes is shops.
- Children under 18 should be asked where they got their vape (or cigarette) from.
- Complaints can be made about the sale of cigarettes or vapes to children, to trading standards through the Citizens Advice online portal.
- Teachers should be aware that vapes could be used to exploit the most vulnerable children, as is the case with other age restricted products such as tobacco and

alcohol.

### **Providing a smoke free environment (Procedure)**

- This policy applies to students, staff, parents/carers, members of the public, contractors or others working / using the school premises or vehicles and all vehicles used to transport students.
- Smoking/vaping is not permitted in any part of the school's premises and grounds including the entrance area to the school, on land adjacent to the school building (e.g. car parks, garden areas, walkways, playgrounds, playing fields etc.) or on the school road crossing patrol areas.
- There are no designated smoking/vaping areas provided within the school buildings or grounds.
- The smoke free/vape free policy applies to all events / activities held in the school including before and after school sessions, any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.
- Suitable posters, displays and statutory no smoking signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke free working environment. Non-vaping signage/posters are not statutory but can also be displayed
- Vaping/smoking is not permitted in any school owned/hired/leased vehicles, as well as private vehicles when used for carrying students or staff on school business. **Please note: precluding smoking in vehicles is a statutory requirement.** Schools also have a duty to reinforce the smoking legislation on buses used for pupil transport.
- This policy applies when students are taken off site on school excursions/ visits/trips. Staff and accompanying helpers will be reminded that smoking/vaping is not permitted when on duty / looking after students.

### **Smoking/Vaping prevention activities**

- Smoking/vaping education is part of the School's progressive-curriculum taught through the Jigsaw PSHE scheme and enhanced resources. There is also separate drug education for children in Y5/6 which includes the health effects, legal, economic and social aspects of tobacco/vape use.
- A range of age appropriate methodologies will be used to deliver tobacco/vaping education with the aim of preventing the uptake of smoking/vaping including for example, discussion strategies, use of new technologies, drama strategies and intervention for Y5/6 provided by the School Community PSSO.

### **Other Related Policies /Guidance**

Within the School this policy is linked to/consistent with:

- PSHE Policy /Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Educational Visits Policy

- Confidentiality Policy
- Equality /Diversity Policy
- Staff Continuing Professional Development Policy
- Disciplinary Policy

### **Responding to smoking related incidents**

The following procedures will apply when there is non-compliance with the smoke free policy.

- **Staff**
  - The Schools Disciplinary Procedure will be followed for members of staff who do not comply with the school's smoke/vape free policy.
  - The staff member will be offered support to help them quit smoking through linking them with appropriate support in the community.
- **Pupils.** In line with the guidance from Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) guidance, the following procedure will be followed for pupils in breach of the school's smoke/vape free policy:
  - Children will be asked by the DSL where they got the vape (or cigarette) from.
  - Parents/carers will be informed that the child has been witnessed vaping or that it has been reported to the school that the child has been witnessed vaping out of school hours.
  - Children will not be excluded from school just for vaping or smoking.
  - Information will be shared with the pupil/s on the associated risks of vaping included specific teaching through the PSHE curriculum and provided by the School Community PCSO.
  - Reports will be maintained by the school and monitored to ensure there are no repeat incidents.

### **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The policy will be reviewed and developed in consultation with the whole school community. It will be widely publicised (staff induction, staff appointment contracts, handbook, website, notice boards, prospectus, promoted) and will be included in contracts for those hiring the use of the school premises.

The policy will be monitored by the Head teacher to ensure compliance and its successful implementation.

The policy will be reviewed every year and ratified by the Governing Body.

