

Smoke Free Policy



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SMOKE FREE POLICY

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PURPOSE

- This policy has been developed to protect all staff, governors, pupils and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.
- Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses.
- Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

POLICY

It is the policy of St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant and Junior Schools that both of our schools and the surrounding school site are completely smoke free, and all staff have a right to work in a smoke free environment. This policy initially came into effect on Sunday, 1 July 2007. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises within both schools and throughout the school premises. This includes vehicles when being used for school purposes. This policy applies to all staff, governors, consultants, contractors, pupils, parents and visitors. In line with the Local Authority policy for educational establishments all parts of the school premises (buildings and grounds) are covered by this policy.

This restriction also applies to use of e-cigarettes and other devices which use the process of 'vaping.' Any behaviour or action associated with smoking is a poor example to set our children and for this reason our Smoke Free Policy includes these devices.

IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Headteacher of both schools. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The Headteacher of both schools shall inform all existing staff, governors, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. They will also ensure all new personnel have sight of a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction. Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to the premises, and in all smokefree vehicles.

NON-COMPLIANCE

School disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smokefree law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

HELP TO STOP SMOKING

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/nhs-stop-smoking-services-help-you-quit/> or call the NHS Smokefree National Helpline on 0300 123 1044. Alternatively you can text 'SMOKEFREE' and your full postcode to 82228 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.

On behalf of St Thomas of Canterbury Church of England Infant and Junior Schools

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