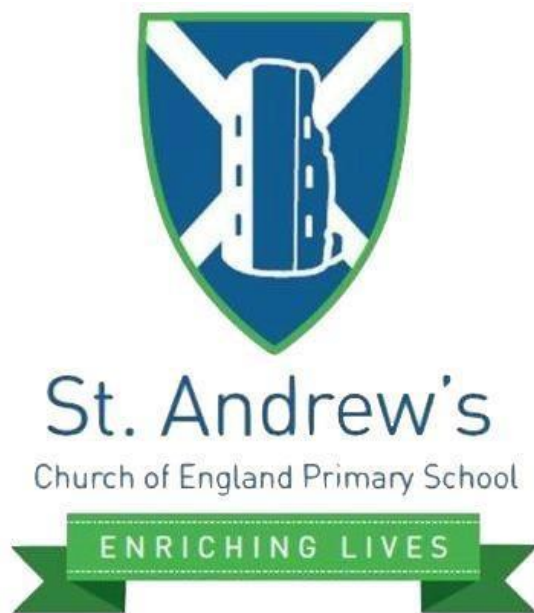




No Smoking & Vaping Policy

Spring 2024

We believe that every person in our school community should flourish and broaden their horizons. Therefore, it is the element of 'enrichment' that defines our school; we are a church school that endeavours to provide the widest of opportunities for all.

Within our caring and nurturing environment and guided by our shared Christian values, we aim to ensure that all voices in our school family can be heard and all are engaged in learning that develops and challenges them, excites their imagination and provides an opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We see everyone and everything as valued in the eyes of God and recognise that all the members of our family are individuals as we work together towards a society of mutual respect, compassion and justice.

Even the smallest person can change the course of the future." JRR Tolkien

1. Introduction

Smoking leads to nicotine addiction. The habit of smoking is commonly acquired in childhood and leads to the deaths of 1 in 2 persistent long-term smokers.

Schools invest valuable resources in teaching their pupils about the hazards of smoking through the curriculum. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models in the adults who teach them, as well as a non-smoking environment to protect them and the whole school community from the serious health risks of secondhand smoking.

It is the school's view that although electronic cigarettes do not contain tobacco or produce smoke, and their use in enclosed workplaces and public places isn't banned by law in the UK, this does not mean that employers cannot introduce their own policies. Our school is seeking to promote healthy lifestyles for pupils and does not wish to give the impression to their pupils that smoking is in any way desirable.

In addition, since electronic cigarettes have only been available for a relatively short time as a smokeless alternative to the real thing, there are worries about possible long-term health effects, with concerns expressed by the World Health Organisation and in the British Medical Journal.

Therefore, it is the view of the school that for health and safety reasons, it is sensible for employers to adopt the precautionary principle in relation to these devices and not permit their use on school premises.

2. Aims of the Policy

This policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working and learning environment and protect the current and future health of all members of the school community by eliminating the serious health risks associated with secondhand smoking
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke
- Create a consistent learning environment by matching the ethos and behaviour within the school to the curriculum
- Change attitudes by promoting non-smoking as the norm and non-smokers as positive role models
- Comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law
- Raise awareness of the dangers of both smoking and secondhand smoking
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop

3. Restrictions on smoking

Smoking or vaping is not permitted on any part of the school premises or grounds at any time or by any person regardless of their status or business in the school.

4. Visitors

All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the smoking policy. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the schools smoking policy, however they are not expected to enter into any confrontation that may put their personal safety at risk.

5. Support for smokers

Any smoker requiring help and support in giving up smoking are encouraged to seek the assistance of the local stop smoking service, which can be contacted on 0800 1690169.

6. Disciplinary Action

Staff and other adults will be directed to the Headteacher.