



No Smoking Policy

The severe negative medical effects of smoking are now well documented and accepted worldwide. Similarly, the negative effect of passive smoking is equally well recognised.

The new smoke free law (the Health Act 2006) came into effect on 1st July 2007 banning smoking in all public buildings in England and Wales. For the purposes of this act, schools are regarded as public buildings.

The new Health Act puts the onus on the 'owners' of public premises to enforce the law. Both an individual breaking the law or the 'owner' who fails to take sufficient action to enforce the law are potentially at risk of a fine.

Policy

The Governors of Holbrook Primary School in pursuance of their duty of care for the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils, and all visitors to the campus, have decided to implement a no-smoking policy throughout the school site.

This applies to all buildings and grounds of Holbrook Primary School.

The Governors believe that the issue is of such importance for the health and safety of everyone in the school that the policy must include everyone who enters Holbrook primary School.

Implementation

The headteacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

The No Smoking/Smoke Free regulations will be included in the Staff Handbook and in information sent with job applications.

The Finance Officer will inform contractors and visitors to the site about the smoke free rules. In particular, there should be no smoking in front of children even if outside the buildings.

The Finance Officer will remind all groups and individuals who use the hall as a letting out of hours of the Smoke Free law.

The signs inside the school building will comply with the law.

Monitoring and Review

The headteacher will monitor the working of the policy, and may involve other appropriate senior staff to aid the monitoring and to offer advice on the working of the policy.