



Thythorn Field
Primary School

No Smoking / Vaping Policy

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Governor Signature:

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THYTHORN FIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO SMOKING / VAPING POLICY

INTRODUCTION:

Thythorn Field Primary School is a 'No Smoking / Vaping' School. This policy confirms the details in line with legislation effective from 1st July 2007. This policy is to provide a smoke-free school environment for everyone and to protect all pupils, staff, parents, carers, visitors, contractors and members of the public from exposure to second hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to second hand 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. It is the duty of the school to protect all those who work and visit the school from the harmful effects of smoking.

POLICY:

Smoking/Vaping is not permitted in any part of the school premises or on the school site. This policy applies to members of staff, parents, carers, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others using the school premises. It applies to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and any out of school hours activities. There are no designated smoking areas within the school premises. Anyone wishing to smoke may do so off site.

External visitors will be expected to abide by the terms of the smoking policy. They will be notified that the school is No Smoking/Vaping via signage in the reception area when signing in to the premises. Anybody who is seen smoking will be asked not to smoke whilst on the premises.

Parents will be encouraged to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking site and in educating their children in the dangers of smoking.

LINKS TO THE CURRICULUM:

Thythorn Field Primary School will work on covering the issues related to smoking / vaping and passive smoking in the relevant areas of the curriculum throughout the age groups. Pupils image of smoking will be sought and where necessary challenged and discussed.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Responsibility for the implementation of the policy lies with the Governing body and the Head Teacher. However, all members of staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the policy. The Head Teacher is responsible for informing all existing members of staff, visitors, members of the public and contractors of the policy. Appropriate 'no smoking' signs are clearly displayed at the entrances to the premises.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW POLICY GUIDANCE:

Any members of staff failing to comply with policy guidance will be issued with a warning to comply. If they persist in non-compliance, the necessary steps will be taken in line with the Local Authority Disciplinary

procedures. Those who do not comply with the smoke free 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. The NHS Smoking Helpline number is 0800 1690169.