



BEMBRIDGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO SMOKING POLICY

Note this policy classes e-cigarettes and “vaping” as smoking

AIM

To create a smoke free school. Smoking (or vaping) will NOT be permitted in any part of the school premises.

- **RATIONALE**

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK

- Second-hand Smoke – “breathing other people’s tobacco smoke” causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day, 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day (ASH).
- The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people’s exposure to seeing smoking (ASH 2004)

POLICY

The enforcement of this smoking policy will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school’s disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimization.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the schools premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and out of school hours. This includes all social and sporting events, and any meetings organised, which are attended by school employees as part of their work and /or visitors to such meetings/events.

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