



Smoking Policy

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Ravensbury Community School is a Smoke-free school. Smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes (electronic cigarettes) will **NOT** be permitted in any part of the school's premises, including kitchens or within proximity to any entrance area to the school. The smoking of cigarettes and e-cigarettes is also not permitted on the school premises this includes car parks, garden areas, walkways, playgrounds, playing fields, etc.

Smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school visits.

Smoke-free school sites and non-smoking staff provide positive role models for children and young people and contribute to the development of a health-promoting school. This includes the use of e-cigarettes due to the following reasons:

1. E-cigarettes look like normal cigarettes. There are potential regulatory issues around enforcing cigarette bans.
2. There are evidence based Nicotine Replacement Therapy products available on prescription if your staff member is trying to quit smoking or having difficulty with nicotine cravings during work hours.

There are NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises.

This policy applies to employees, parents and visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school's premises. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it. The school's disciplinary procedures will apply for dealing with staff and pupils who do not comply with the Smoke-Free Status at school.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to adhere to the smoke free status.

The Smoke-Free Policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events. Staff, pupils, parents and volunteers who wish to smoke can do so away from the school gates /entrances and should dispose of cigarette ends carefully, so as not to litter the surrounding areas.