

THE BIRMINGHAM FEDERATION OF MAINTAINED NURSERY SCHOOLS

Allens Croft Nursery School

Kings Norton Nursery School

Lillian De Lissa Nursery School

Adderley Nursery School

Jakeman Nursery School

Selly Oak Nursery School

St Thomas Centre Nursery School

Gracelands Nursery School

Shenley Fields Nursery School

Weoley Castle Nursery School

Newtown Nursery School

Highfield Nursery School

No Smoking Policy

Allens Croft, Jakeman & Shenley Fields Nursery Schools

RATIONALE

Our schools support England's smoke-free legislation, which came into effect on 1st July 2007. There is medical proof that smoking has a detrimental effect on the health of those that smoke and on people who are in the company of smokers. It is important that we encourage all people to consider the consequences of smoking for themselves and others around them. We must try to protect all those who work and visit the school from the harmful effects of smoking.

Studies by Cancer Research UK 2018 state the following: Smoking is the largest cause of cancer in the UK and research shows that 15% of all smokers will develop a tobacco related cancer. Although smoking causes at least 16 different types of cancer: lung, larynx, oesophagus, oral cavity, nasopharynx, pharynx, bladder, pancreas, kidney, liver, stomach, bowel, cervix, leukaemia, and ovarian cancers, it is known that tobacco is the largest preventable cause of death in the world according to the data published in 2018. Cigarette smoking prevalence among adults (aged 18 and over) in the UK decreases with age:

Our school are safe and creative environments: happy, positive, vibrant and forward-thinking communities where each child and adult is valued and able to learn play and achieve.

We will therefore:

1. provide a non-smoking site which protects the health of all members of the school community and visitors to the school
2. promote the benefits of not smoking and educate the pupils of the school as to the harmful effects of smoking.

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3. GUIDELINES

1. The school site including all buildings and grounds has been designated as a No Smoking Area and no smoking posters will be displayed in public areas as required.
2. The school will adhere to England's smoke-free legislation, which came into effect on 1st July 2007.
3. Included within the school curriculum, and specifically in our Drugs Education programme, there will be work covering the issues relating to smoking and passive smoking, as appropriate to the age of children attending our school.
4. Parents will be encouraged to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking school site and in educating their children in the dangers of smoking, and of the smoke-free legislation.

4. CONCLUSION

It is hoped that by these actions we can help to raise the awareness of pupils, staff and visitors to the dangers of smoking, and support the Government Tobacco Control Plan for England in which it sets out ambitions to reduce:

- the number of 15 year olds who regularly smoke from 8% to 3% or less
- reduce smoking among adults in England from 15.5% to 12% or less
- the inequality gap in smoking prevalence of the general population the aim is to achieve these objectives by the end of 2022.

Related policies: Drug Education and Incident Management

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Date for next renewal: Autumn Term 2021

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