



Smoke-Free School Policy



Stour Federation

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (Section 2 (2) (e) requires employees to:-

“provide and maintain a safe working environment which is, so far as is reasonably practicable, safe, without risks to health and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work.”

- 1.2 Smoking is a habit learned in childhood and can be fatal to those who persist in using tobacco. We invest valuable resources in teaching our pupils about the hazards of smoking through the curriculum. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role-models in the adults who teach them, as well as a non-smoking environment in the school which houses them.
- 1.3 Passive smoking- breathing other people’s tobacco smoke, is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers.

2. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

2.1 This ‘Smoke-Free School’ policy seeks to guarantee a healthy working and learning environment for all users at Shipston-on-Stour Primary School and Acorns Primary School by eliminating the risk of passive smoking and promoting non-smoking as a positive adult role-model.

2.2 The policy aims to protect the current and future health of employees, pupils, parents and visitors and guarantees the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke, complying with National Legislation, Health and Safety Legislation and Employment Law.

2.3 The Stour Federation also aims to take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop.

2.4 In The Stour Federation we aim to raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke: -

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make informed choices in relation to smoking;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist pressure to smoke, either from their peer group or from society in general;

These issues are addressed through our Science and PSHEE curriculum, and through cross-curricular opportunities.

2.5 Tobacco is a drug and therefore there will be a number of opportunities to link this policy to drug education and visits from DASH (Drug Action Shipston).
(<http://www.dashshipston.org>)

3. RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING

- 3.1 **Smoking is NOT permitted and will not be tolerated in any part of any school premises, entrances, or grounds (including car park) at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business with school.**

4. STAFF

- 4.1 Staff wishing to smoke will need to do so away from the school site and out of sight of pupils and parents, as our policy endorses staff as positive role-models in health promotion. New staff joining The Stour Federation will be aware of the policy as part of their induction programme.

5. VISITORS

- 5.1 The smoking policy applies to all visitors to school – e.g. parents, suppliers, peripatetic and temporary staff, supply teachers, contractors, governors and inspectorate.
- 5.2 The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence: -
- Clearly worded signs will be prominently sited to announce the policy, where necessary;
 - Office staff will inform the visitors of the policy, where necessary;
 - Parents will be informed in newsletters;
 - The LA will be informed.

6. TRIPS, VISITS AND EVENTS

- 6.1 We frequently ask other adults to help supervise pupils on trips or visits away from school. It is appreciated some volunteers may smoke, but they must do so out of sight of the children.
- 6.2 There are occasions when parents or carers may assist each school in driving children to sporting fixtures. Any adult volunteering their help must provide a non-smoking environment for pupils during the car journey and during matches.
- 6.3 Smoking is not permitted within the premises of our residential visits. Any adult wishing to smoke will need to do so outside the building and out of sight of the pupils and should be guided by the centre manager.

7. LETTINGS

- 7.1 All lettings of school premises will be informed of the no smoking policy.

8. SUPPORT

- 8.1 If a child is found smoking or in possession of tobacco on school premises, the items will be confiscated and their parents informed. Each case will be dealt with individually, depending on the circumstances. We will offer support whilst reinforcing the harmful events of tobacco on their health.
- 8.2 Any smoker requiring help and support in giving up smoking are encouraged to seek assistance from the NHS free smoking helpline 0800 022 4 332 or chat to an adviser online at <http://smokefree.nhs.uk>

9. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 9.1 Anyone not abiding by these rules will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, cigar or pipe, or leave the premises.

10. MONITORING AND REVIEWING

- 10.1 This policy will be reviewed annually to ensure that it continues to meet the general principle. Comments related to the maintenance of this policy should be directed to the Smoke-Free School Policy Co-ordinator.