

Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

NO SMOKING POLICY

Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society. 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. The dangers and implications of E-cigarettes is unknown and limited research is available as to the risks they pose.

Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.

Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non smokers are in the majority

School has a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society

Pupils need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the schools.

Cardinal Newman Catholic School is working towards becoming a totally smoke-free school including both cigarettes and E-cigarettes.

Aims & Objectives

The primary aim of the policy is to safeguard the health and well being of the pupils, staff and visitors.

The objectives are:

- To protect non smokers from the adverse health effect of environmental tobacco smoke in the Workplace

Raise awareness of the potential dangers of E-cigarettes and addiction

- To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff
- To provide information and support for those who wish to stop smoking

Pupils and Staff

Staff, pupils and visitors are not allowed to smoke on school premises.

All new and prospective employees will be advised of the restrictions and rules regarding smoking at work through advertising material, the interview process and induction.

Smoking among pupils during school hours is not permitted

Smoking among pupils on school outings or trips is not permitted.

Pupils found smoking will be dealt with according to the 'Behaviour Policy'.

Visitors

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school – for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, and repair people.

Implementing and Monitoring

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually by the SLT to ensure that it continues to meet the general principals.

*smoking refers to both cigarettes and E-cigarettes

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