



The Beacon Centre
Leading The Way To A Brighter Future

The BEACON CENTRE **NO SMOKING POLICY**

The Beacon Centre (Primary and Secondary) are non-smoking sites. On July 1st 2007, England introduced a new law to make virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England smoke free.

DEFINITIONS

School Building: include all areas owned by South Tyneside Council which are known as school property

Smoke Free: to stop smoking within a given space (enclosed or otherwise) so as to encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle

Smoking: any form of tobacco or product which can be smoked (including herbal and electronic cigarettes)

RATIONALE FOR THE POLICY

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health
- in our society
- Passive smoking – breathing in other people's smoke – is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses in nonsmokers.
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults and pupils who use the school
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air
- Schools have a major role in working towards the education of pupils towards a healthy lifestyle. See Drugs Education and PSHE policies.
- Pupils need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school
- To provide pupils with support to stop smoking and to provide advice to staff to signpost those pupils who may wish to stop

MAIN INFORMATION POINTS

- Adults found to be smoking on the site will be asked to extinguish their cigarette etc or leave the site.
- Adults and pupils are asked not to smoke e cigarettes or vaporisers on the school site
- Pupils found smoking or carrying cigarettes at school will be dealt with according to the procedures laid out in the Drugs Education policy statement and Relationship (Behaviour) Policy.
- Any incidents of smoking will be logged and letters sent / phone calls made home to parents / carers to inform them of the incident
- Persistent incidents may result in procedures being followed up by South Tyneside Council e.g fines
- All pupils will be made aware of the policy and the procedures for dealing with incidents
- The Beacon Centre will take an active part in helping pupils to give up smoking by offering advice on “quit” lines, smoking cessation training for staff and via the school nurse drop in sessions.
- The School will take an active part in the National No Smoking Day campaign.

RESTRICTIONS

- Smoking by pupils to be actively discouraged when they are under the lawful control or charge of a member of staff of The Beacon Centre from the hours of 8:45am - 2:45pm. **This includes whilst pupils are participating in extracurricular activities off site**
- Students caught smoking within the vicinity of the school (e.g gates) are potentially bringing the school into disrepute within its community; this may therefore receive the same sanction as smoking on school premises.
- Possession of smoking materials by pupils is actively discouraged and if brought onto site must be secured in a pupil's locker. (This includes all smoking materials, related equipment and paraphernalia)
- Smoking will not be permitted in any part of the school building
- This policy applies to all employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors will be informed of this

I have read and understand the above policy regarding non smoking at the Beacon Centre.

Parent / Carer Name / signature: _____ Date: _____

Pupil Name / signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff Name / signature _____ Date: _____