

Smoke Free Policy

2020-2022



School: Prudhoe Castle First School

Head Teacher: Katie Jacobs

Named personnel with designated responsibility:

Academic Year	Lead	Nominated Local Governor	Chair of board of trustees
2021-2022	Katie Jacobs	Judith Meek	Rob Moore

Policy review dates

Review Date	Changes made	By whom	Date shared
January 2022			

NO SMOKING POLICY

PRUDHOE CASTLE FIRST SCHOOL

PURPOSE

The aim of this policy is to protect all employees, pupils, parents and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to comply with the Smoking Regulations (Smoke free legislation in England 2007)

POLICY

It is the policy of Prudhoe Castle First School that **all of our school buildings and school site are smoke-free** and the whole school community have a right to a smoke-free environment. The policy shall come into immediate effect and be reviewed annually by the Head Teacher.

PREMISES

Smoking is prohibited throughout all of the school site and also enclosed and substantially enclosed buildings (i.e. those with a roof and more than 50% enclosed by walls) with no exceptions.

VEHICLES

All vehicles parked on school site will be smoke-free at all times. Any member of staff using their car in connection with school activities (including giving a lift to a staff colleague or pupil to a meeting or other event) should not smoke for the duration of the journey.

Head Teacher's Duties

- To display statutory No Smoking Signs at all main entrances to school buildings as required by the legislation.
- To upload the smoke free policy onto the school website
- To ensure staff, pupils, contractors and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places and vehicles.
- To investigate complaints regarding staff, pupils, contractors and visitors smoking.
- To inform staff, pupils, contractors and visitors on this policy.
- To ensure that a written record of any incidents of smoking and how they were dealt with are kept.

STAFF DUTIES

- To ensure that they or others do not interfere with no smoking signs.
- To comply with the Smoke-Free Policy.
- To ensure that parents, pupils, contractors and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places and vehicles.
- To report incidents of smoking in smoke-free areas and vehicles.
- To refrain from smoking if using their own vehicle to transport pupils in connection with school activities.

PARENTS, PUPILS, CONTRACTORS AND OTHER VISITORS

- Parents, pupils, contractors and visitors are not permitted to smoke in smoke-free areas, or school vehicles.

- Parents using their own vehicles for school purposes e.g. transporting pupils to a sporting event are asked not to smoke for the duration of the journey.
- It is illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicle) with anyone under 18. The law changed on 1st October 2015, to protect children and young people from the dangers of second hand smoke (UK Gov, 2017).

HELP FOR THOSE WHO SMOKE

This policy is not intended to stop people smoking but to regulate where they smoke and how it affects others. To help smokers adjust to the changes occurring they should contact

- Northumbria NHS Stop Smoking Service (Electronic Vaping Device friendly)
- 01670 813135
- NHS Choices
<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking/Pages/stopsmokingnewhome.aspx>
- (NHCT) Northumbria Health Improvement Service (Tobacco Control Team)
01670 811972
- **(NCC) Northumberland County Council (Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team) 01670 622738**
- Fresh North East is a regional tobacco control programme working in
- partnership with the NHS and local authorities. It sets out to reduce illness
- and deaths related to smoking and exposure to second-hand smoke.
0191 333 7140 www.freshne.com.
- ASH (Action on Smoking & Health) 0207 404 0242 www.ash.org.uk
- NHS Smoking Helpline 0300 123 1044

Update information on electronic cigarettes

- NHCT Health Improvement Service December 2016

Summary

Electronic cigarettes are devices that deliver nicotine within an inhalable aerosol by heating a solution that typically contains nicotine, propylene glycol and/or glycerol, plus flavours.

This aerosol is commonly referred to as vapour and so the use of an electronic cigarette is described as vaping. Unlike cigarettes, there is no combustion (burning) involved in electronic cigarettes so there is no smoke and no other harmful products of combustion, such as tar and carbon monoxide. **Source:**

National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training 2016

There are many terms associated with the name electronic cigarettes for example

- E-cigarettes
- Nicotine containing products
- Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems
- Vapourisers
- E-Shisha (not to be confused with waterpipes – hookah, shisha, hubble bubble, goza, narghile)

For the purposes of a school policy **Electronic Vaping Devices** will be the adopted term, reflecting that some products will contain nicotine and some will be nicotine free.

An [expert independent evidence review](#) published August 2015 by Public Health England (PHE) concludes that e-cigarettes are significantly less harmful to health than tobacco and have the potential to help smokers quit smoking.

One of the key findings of the review included:

- The current best estimate is that e-cigarettes are around 95% less harmful than smoking

Source: Gov.UK 2016

For further information on electronic cigarettes you may wish to access

http://www.ncsct.co.uk/publication_electronic_cigarette_briefing.php

ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY

Failure to comply with this policy will be dealt with through the school's disciplinary procedures. Visitors or members of the public who breach the policy will be asked to stop smoking and will be asked to leave the premises if they fail to comply with this request. All breaches of this policy will be recorded in writing by the school. Be aware that, in addition to action taken under this policy, Northumberland County Council may take legal action against individuals who smoke in smoke-free places or vehicles.