

NO SMOKING POLICY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Part 1 of the Health Act 2006 makes virtually all (substantially) enclosed public and workplaces including vehicles, smoke free. The law came into force on 1st July 2007.
- 1.2 Secondhand smoke (passive smoking): breathing other people's tobacco smoke, has now been shown to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non smokers, as well as many other illnesses and minor conditions.
- 1.3 Outwood Grange Academies Trust committed to promoting the good health of its employees and the provision of a safe working environment. The Trust has a duty, under health and safety legislation, to ensure the health, safety and welfare of all employees, including the working environment 'so far as is reasonably practicable' and is committed to fulfilling this duty by providing a smoke free environment for all staff.
- 1.4 In recognition of the above, the Trust implements a policy on providing a smoke free environment, the details of which are set out below.

2. The Objectives

- 2.1 The specific objectives of the policy are as follows:
 - (a) to contribute to a healthy and safe environment for the Trust's students, staff and visitors.
 - (b) to ensure that all staff, students and visitors to Trust premises benefit from a smoke free environment.
 - (c) to protect staff and students from the hazards of secondhand smoke inhalation whilst at the academy.
 - (d) to heighten staff awareness of the health risks associated with smoking.
 - (e) to provide opportunities, assistance and support to those staff who wish to give up or cut down smoking.

3. Policy Provisions

- 3.1 Smoking is not allowed in Trust premises or vehicles. For the avoidance of doubt, smoking also includes the 'smoking' of electronic cigarettes.
- 3.2 Smoking in private vehicles during work time is not encouraged so that the driver has full control of the car. If there are any passengers in the car do not smoke then there must be no smoking. If there are any students in the vehicle then smoking is not permitted.
- 3.3 Smoking is not permitted in any part of the Trust's premises and grounds, including car parks.
- 3.4 Smoking is not allowed whilst on duty. Therefore, staff should only be leaving site to smoke during their formal breaks.
- 3.5 In order to set a good example and lead the way in promoting healthy living initiatives, the Trust expect that before smoking, any Trust identity wear should be removed.
- 3.6 The Trust would also expect that staff will consider the appearance of the Academy when leaving the premises to smoke and avoid congregating outside entrances and driveways.
- 3.7 The policy applies to students, staff, governors, visitors and contractors regardless of their status or business with the Trust.
- 3.8 All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the No Smoking Policy. Staff members are expected to inform visitors and contractors of the policy, however, they are not expected to enter into any confrontation that may put their personal safety at risk. This will apply during both term and non-term time.
- 3.9 When attending meetings or other events at venues where smoking is permitted, staff are expected not to smoke, both because they are representing the Trust and therefore its strategy on tackling smoking, and because it is important not to expose others to second hand smoke.
- 3.10 When staff are accompanying a visit, trip or residential outing then staff should never smoke in front of students. If a member of staff needs to smoke then they should arrange to take a break when the students can be fully supervised by other colleagues and ensure they are out of view of students and in an appropriately designated smoking area.

- 3.11 This policy is intended to benefit all staff and visitors and all staff are responsible for its continued implementation
- 3.12 Managers must play their part in promoting the policy. If the manager identifies that an employee genuinely needs assistance in adhering to the policy, they can draw their attention to the available support and assistance outlined in section 4 of the policy.

4. Support and Assistance for Smokers

- 4.1 The Trust is committed to helping smokers comply with the policy and the relevant Occupational Health provider will offer a programme of support, in partnership with the NHS, for employees who would like to stop smoking. For those who do not wish to stop smoking, support will also be offered to help them manage not smoking during working hours.
- 4.3 Further advice and support on stopping smoking can be obtained from the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 90169 or www.givingupsmoking.co.uk

5. Recruitment

A statement referring to the Trust having a No Smoking Policy to be included in application information packs.

6. Scope

- 6.1 The policy applies to all employees of the Trust.
- 6.2 The policy applies to students, visitors, contractors regardless of their status or business with the Trust.
- 6.3 Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Trust's premises and grounds, including offices, corridors, toilets and car parks.

7. Enforcement

- 7.1 Breaches of this policy may be considered as misconduct under the disciplinary procedure

8. Monitoring

- 8.1 In order to ensure fair and effective management of this policy, arrangements have been put in place to ensure the process is monitored.
- 8.2 The policy will be reviewed in 24 months to ensure that it still meets with the requirements of legislation.