



Smoke Free Policy

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Context

Broadlands Hall School regards itself as a health promoting school. It recognises that its staff act as role models for young people in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. This policy has been written in line with the School's Smoke Free Guidance (Fresh NE 2013).

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 nonsmokers
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school
- Everyone has the right to breath clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being the norm in society
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school

Objectives

- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace
- To educate staff and young people in understanding the risks and effects of tobacco use
- To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of young people and staff
- To ensure a consistent whole-school approach when dealing with smoking related incidents

Restrictions on Smoking

Staff

All staff – Must not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.

Young People

Young People must not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.

Parents

Parents must not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds. Parents will be informed of this restriction by being signposted to this policy on the school website and in the form of signage around the school site.

Visitors

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence:

- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

School related activities

The prohibition of smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, e.g. educational visits.

School premises utilised outside normal working hours

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will remain in operation.

Procedures

Should staff or young people be found smoking on the school premises, or whilst engaged in school related activities outside their school grounds, the appropriate disciplinary procedures will be applied. Should parents be found smoking on the school premises, they will be asked, in the first instance, to refrain. If they persist in smoking on school premises, they will be asked to leave the premises and will be contacted by the Head Teacher.

Systems of Support

Any young person found smoking will be referred, with parental consent, to the Smoking Cessation Service via their GP.

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes can seek support and advice from:

- NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)
- Lifeline Stop Smoking Service Telephone: 0191 2691103
- GP Surgeries

Implementing and monitoring

Young people and parents can view the Policy on the school website. Members of staff shall inform school visitors of the Policy when appropriate.