

Saint Norbert's Catholic School

No Smoking & No Vaping Policy

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ST. NORBERT'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our Mission Statement

St. Norbert's strives to nurture and develop the whole child through a

Love of God
Love of one another
Love of life itself

Article 3- The best interests of the child must be top priority in all actions regarding children.

Introduction

This policy provides guidance for members of the school community on why St Norbert's catholic Primary School is a smoke-free and vaping-free school. It has been developed with the need to protect the whole school community so that everyone can learn in a smoke free environment. This policy applies to everyone using the premises (including all grounds and buildings) for any purpose, at any time. This policy applies to anything that can be smoked; including cigarettes, pipes, cigars, herbal cigarettes and it also applies to electronic cigarettes (also known as e-cigarettes).

Rationale

Smoking is the most preventable cause of ill health and premature death in our society. As a health promoting school we play an active part in promoting healthy lifestyles, including establishing our school as a smoke free school. The risk of accidents due to fire or risk of injury due to lighted cigarettes needs to be minimised on the school premises. The British Medical Association has said that more research is needed to establish the safety of electronic cigarettes. For this reason, St Norbert's school feels it is prudent to protect all employees, students, contractors and visitors from potential risks associated with vapours produced by these devices and has therefore included a no vaping element to this policy.

Purposes

- To establish and maintain a smoke-free, vapour-free zone within the boundary of the school grounds.
- To ensure all members of our community realise they have a vital role to play in ensuring that we maintain a smoke free environment.
- To provide an anti-smoking, anti-vaping Personal, Social, Health Education Programme of Study within the curriculum.
- To minimise the risk of accidents on the premises caused by lighted cigarettes.
- To reduce litter.
- To prevent children and staff being subjected to second hand smoke and second hand vapours.
- To continue to support Healthy living.

Guidelines for Adults

These guidelines apply to all adults including teaching staff, support staff, visitors, contractors, parents and community groups.

- There will be no smoking at any time by any person on the school premises including the building and the grounds. This will be achieved through signage and the active role of staff in ensuring that no smoking or vaping takes place on our school premises or grounds.

- All staff will recognise their responsibilities as role models for children in their charge.
- New members of staff will be notified of this policy as they are recruited.
- Staff will ensure that no smoking or vaping takes place on school trips including residential visits.
- All staff will ensure that the policy is adhered to and any breaches of policy will be dealt with through the Headteacher.

Provision for Children

- Children will benefit from an anti-smoking, anti-vaping programme delivered through our PSHCE and Science curriculum.
- Children will be given age appropriate facts and information with regards to smoking and vaping.
- Children will be helped to come to decisions with regard to smoking by understanding the notion of choice and the potential effects of their decision.

We trust that this will encourage the children to choose not to smoke.

- Children will benefit from receiving their education in a smoke-free and vapour-free environment, and from experiencing positive role models from adults.

School premises

- Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted in any part of the school's premises and grounds including the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (e.g. car parks, garden areas, walkway, playgrounds, playing fields etc). This policy will apply equally to future premises at the construction stage of any new building and refurbishment or relocation project.
- There will be no designated smoking/vaping areas provided within the school buildings or grounds.
- This policy applies to students, employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors or others working or using the school's premises.
- The smoke/vapour free policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.
- Suitable posters, displays and statutory no smoking signage and no vaping signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke free, vapour free working environment.
- The School Smoking Policy applies to all social events, including those where the premises are hired out to external parties.
- When events are booked, individuals are made aware of the Smoking Policy.

Vehicles

The smoking policy will apply to all schools owned/hired/leased vehicles, as well as private vehicles when used for carrying students or staff on school business.

Assistance for those who smoke

Local NHS Stop Smoking Services are available to staff, parents and students who would like to stop smoking (please note: this service should not be seen as a disciplinary action). Group and one-to-one support is available for staff and parents through the NHS specialist Stop Smoking Service or through their GP Practice and selected pharmacies.

Further information from <http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>

Monitoring

- The policy will be monitored by the PSHE Subject Leader.
- The delivery of the anti-smoking, anti-vaping programme to the children will be monitored by the PSHE and Science Subject Leaders as part of the monitoring procedures of the schools management cycle.

Signed _____

(Headteacher)

Signed _____

(for and on behalf of the Governing board)

Date _____