



STALYHILL INFANT SCHOOL

SMOKE FREE POLICY

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Smoke-free Policy

Stalyhill Infant School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment.

We recognise that children and young people, staff and visitors have the right to breath smoke-free air in and around the school. We acknowledge that exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. We know that smoking is a habit of childhood and that is why we are committed to creating a smoke-free environment and developing children and young people's knowledge, attitudes and skills in positive decision making around smoking.

Aims

At Stalyhill we aim to;

- Protect the right of children, staff, parents and visitors to not be exposed to second-hand smoke.
- Improve the health of children, teachers and support staff.
- Educate young people on the harms associated with smoking.
- Provide encouragement and support to smokers who wish to give up smoking.
- Reduce smoking litter around the school and surrounding area.
- Be a healthy role model within the local community.

Objectives

We will;

- Provide a smoke-free environment.
- Ensure that tobacco education is part of our PSHE curriculum.
- Adopt and support interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking (cigarettes and E-Cigarettes) amongst children, staff, parents/carers and members of the local community.
- Promote **Be Well Tameside** to adults who need support to quit smoking.
- Ensure that all staff promote healthy lifestyles with a positive attitude.
- Ensure staff have the knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures and agreed practice to support the implementation of the Smoke-free policy.
- Involve all staff, governors, children and young people, parents/ carers the community and other outside agencies as appropriate, in the development of policy and practice in relation to tobacco.
- Ensure that this policy is applied when children are taken of site.

Rationale

- All members of the community have the right to work and learn in a smoke-free environment.
- Exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses.
- Exposure to role models who smoke, normalises smoking behaviour and can have a negative impact on the Smoke-free message.

- Smoking is the biggest cause of preventable death in Greater Manchester. 4,500 , people die from smoking in Greater Manchester every year – that's 13 people a day.
- Two thirds of smokers start before the age of 18.
- 40% start smoking regularly before the age of 16.
- Those who start smoking before the age of 16 are twice as likely to continue to smoke compared to those who begin later in life, they are more likely to be heavier smokers.
- The earlier children become regular smokers, the greater their risk of developing life-threatening conditions, such as lung cancer or heart disease if they continue smoking into adulthood.
- As yet the health implications / potential damage caused through smoking E-Cigarettes are not known.

A Smokefree space provides positive health promotion for children and young people, contributing to the development of children and young people for life.

The procedure for providing a Smokefree environment at Stalyhill

- This policy applies to staff, students, parents/carers, members of the public, contractors or others working / using the premises or vehicles used to transport the children.
- Smoking (Cigarettes and E-Cigarettes) is not permitted in any part of the premises and grounds including the gated entrance area, road crossing patrol areas and the carpark adjacent to school.
- Staff, students or visitors who smoke will need to do so outside of the school premises. There are no designated smoking areas provided within the school premises or surrounding grounds.
- The policy applies to all events/activities held in the premises, to any meetings organised which are attended by employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.
- Suitable posters, displays and signage will be displayed in areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke-free environment.
- Smoking is not permitted in any owned/hired/leased vehicles, as well as private vehicles when used for carrying students or staff on business or when parked in the school grounds.
- This policy applies when students are taken off site on educational visits. Staff and accompanying helpers will be reminded that smoking is not permitted when looking after children.
- This policy will be widely publicised; staff inductions/contracts, school website, prospectus, notice boards and will be included in contracts for those hiring the use of the premises.
- This policy is consistent with the school's Health and Safety policy.

Smoking prevention activities

- Tobacco education is part of the PSHE curriculum.
- The school council are involved in the dissemination of key messages around smoking and the importance of a smoke-free environment through school council / class meetings.
- The school council are involved in the creation of positive visual messages for display in / around and outside of school.
- Parents / carers are encouraged and supported to be actively involved in their child's tobacco education through home / school discussions / activities.

Responding to smoking related incidents

The following procedures will apply when there is non-compliance with the Smoke-free policy:

- **Staff-** The disciplinary procedure will be followed for members of staff who do not comply with the Smoke-free policy.
- The staff member will be offered support to help them quit smoking.

Assistance for those who smoke

Be Well Tameside is a free service to all residents and people who work in Tameside, which offers free specialist advice and support on how to quit smoking.

Be Well Tameside offers:

- 1-2-1 appointments
- Regular contact and support to help you achieve your goals
- Practical tips
- Information about local groups in your area
- Help to access other services locally, such as mental health, debt, housing, volunteering and employment.

Be Well Tameside can help staff, parents/carers and any other adults or young people who would like help to quit smoking.

Contact information: 0161 716 2000 / bewelltameside@nhs.net

- **Non-staff members/visitors-** Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to adhere to the policy.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be monitored by the Headteacher and the Wellbeing/PSHE lead, to ensure compliance and its successful implementation.

The policy will be reviewed every 3 years and ratified by the governing body.

Date of next review: Autumn term 2023