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Quadring Cowley and Brown's Primary School

No Smoking & No Vaping Policy

*At Quadring Cowley & Brown's Primary School we strive
'to nurture and inspire all children to be well-rounded, confident and
resilient individuals who love learning and are ready for life beyond
school.'*

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

Statement of Intent

At Quadrang Cowley and Brown's Primary School we aim to provide a safe, caring and friendly environment for all our children and young people, where everyone has the right to a healthy lifestyle, free from any form of harm. We believe that smoking and vaping is harmful to health. Consequently, the school is a no-smoking and no-vaping establishment and we do not allow smoking or vaping in any buildings or school grounds.

This Policy provides guidance for members of the school community on why Quadrang Cowley & Brown's Primary School is a smoke-free and vape-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 school premises for any purpose, at any time, inclusive of all staff, parents, children, contractors and visitors. No smoking/No Vaping signs are displayed to make this message clear to all. This policy applies to anything that can be smoked; including cigarettes, pipes, cigars, herbal cigarettes and electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

Rationale

Smoking is one of the most preventable causes of ill health and premature death in our society. Smoking is regarded by the medical profession as the major cause of many illnesses.

The World Health Organisation (May 2025), maintains that all forms of tobacco use are harmful and there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco. Tobacco is the single most preventable cause of illness and death in the world, responsible for over 7.2 million deaths annually. The WHO stresses that tobacco control is essential to improving global health and reducing noncommunicable diseases

- **Each year, tobacco kills 1.1 million people in the WHO European Region. Of those, 153 000 die from exposure to second-hand smoke.**

Children can be harmed by passive smoking, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes. It is known that smoking is harmful to the unborn babies of mothers who smoke. For all these reasons, our school does all it can to discourage children from smoking, and to educate them about the serious harm smoking can cause.

As a health promoting school, we play an active part in promoting healthy lifestyles, which includes establishing our school as a smoke free school. The risk of accidents due to fire or risk of injury due to lighted cigarettes also needs to be minimised on and around the school premises. The British Medical Association has said that more research is needed to establish the safety of electronic cigarettes. For this reason, Quadrang Primary 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.

Aims and Objectives:

- To provide a no smoking or vaping environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to our schools.

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- To promote a healthy lifestyle by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke or vape, either from their peer group, or from society in general and provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking and vaping.
- To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to all of our school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking or vaping and the associated risks.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breath in air that is free from tobacco smoke - due to this, school will encourage parents and carers to refrain from smoking/vaping during school drop off and pick up times on areas adjacent to our school premises as well as on the premises.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Take into account the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop.
- To help children know and understand the dangers of smoking and potential dangers of using e-cigarettes and, the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies.
- 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 and encourage 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.
- All volunteers will be made aware of this policy through signage in the main office.
- 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 and/or Chair of governors if the Headteacher is involved.

Provision for Children

- Children will benefit from an anti-smoking; anti-vaping programme delivered through our PSHE and Science curriculum within school.
- Children will be given age-appropriate facts and information with regards to smoking and vaping.
- Children will be helped to come to decisions regarding 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 from 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 and 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 or work on the premises.
- 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 No Smoking Policy applies to all social events, including those where the premises are hired out to external parties.
- When events are booked, individuals will be made aware of the No Smoking Policy.
- School will encourage parents and carers to refrain from smoking/vaping during school drop off and pick up times on areas adjacent to our school premises as well as on the premises, in order to achieve a clean airspace for non-smoker to breathe in.

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>

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Monitoring

It is the role of the Head teacher to ensure that this policy is fully implemented. The policy will also 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 school's management cycle.

The Governing Board will review this policy as part of their monitoring of the effectiveness of the school's PSHE programme.

This policy has due regard to legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Health Act 2006
- Health and Care Act 2022
- Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991
- Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015
- Equality Act 2010

This policy also has due regard to guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Public Health England (2016) 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces'

This policy should also be read in conjunction with:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Medical Needs Policy

Signed _____ (Headteacher)

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signed _____ (for and on behalf of the Governing Board)

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

