



# No Smoking Policy

## DETAILS OF POLICY

Original policy created by:	Senior Leadership Team
Date of most recent review:	March 2019
Adopted by:	Governors School Improvement Committee
Parties communicated to: (e.g. Parents, Staff etc.)	Staff, students, parents, visitors, contractors
Methods of Communication:	Website, school Intranet, letters to parents
Next planned review date:	March 2020
Persons responsible for audit review of policy:	Senior Leadership Team

## **Rationale**

The purpose of the no-smoking Policy is to ensure that is a healthy and safe site for students to learn and that all staff and students have the right to work in a smoke free environment.

## **Statement of Intent**

is included in NYCC 'Healthy Schools' status and is a no smoking site for staff, students and visitors. Smoking is a major cause of illness and early death, and affects non-smokers through passive smoking. Accordingly the school recognises its duty to discourage smoking and to encourage a healthy lifestyle. We also recognise that any individual may become addicted to smoking and therefore a support programme needs to be in place to encourage students to give up smoking.

## **Aims of the policy**

The aim of this policy is to put in place a range of sanctions to prevent smoking on site and to provide support programmes to help individuals give up smoking.

## **Statutory Statement**

The Health Act 2006 requires that enclosed or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces are smoke-free. In addition, since October 2007 it has been illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18.

The policy applies to all teachers and staff employed by the school and any staff working on the site on a contract basis. In addition the policy applies to all visitors to the school.

## **Implementation and procedures**

If any of the following conditions apply then a student will be dealt with appropriately

- Being found in possession of smoking materials in school
- Being found in any room in school or in care units when smoking has clearly taken place
- Smoking on the School site
- Being in any area within the school where the balance of probability is that the student was smoking.

If any of the above occurs then the following action should take place:

- Smoking paraphernalia found on a student will be confiscated and destroyed
- An incident report should be completed with advice and support offered.
- A letter will be sent home together with a copy of the No-Smoking Policy.
- A questionnaire that identifies the specific smoking cessation needs of the student will be completed.

- A support programme will be put in place to assist the student in giving up smoking. Records of Interventions will be kept of all students accessing support.
- Should Persistent non-compliance occur then the Senior Leadership Team will consider that the student will be given sanctions that increase from a 1 day internal exclusion, 2 day internal exclusion, to a 1 day fixed term exclusion.

## **Roles**

The implementation of this policy is a shared responsibility.

Governors: have a strategic role in agreeing the school's No-Smoking Policy.

The head teacher: is responsible for implementing the school's No-Smoking Policy.

Smoking Cessation Advisers: responsible for keeping records of students who they have provided a support programme to so they can be helped with giving up smoking.

All Staff: responsible for ensuring that the policy is adhered to.

## **Curriculum delivery for effective education on smoking**

Education in school can often be the first line of prevention against smoking, It also allows the opportunity to pass on accurate, up-to-date facts that explore attitudes and, crucially, foster the skills needed to make positive decisions.

It is not just about classroom teaching, but it encompasses all policies, practices, programmes, initiatives and events in the school connected with the prevention and reduction of tobacco.

## **Providing Support for students or staff who smoke**

It should be noted that this Policy is not concerned with whether students or staff smoke, but with where they smoke and the effect this has on non-smokers. However, it is recognised that some employees and students may wish to give up smoking and Forest Moor is committed to providing support to such individuals. The following are sources of support:

Fully trained Smoking Cessation Advisors are available to provide one-to-one or group support to any employee(s) or student(s) wishing to stop smoking.

The NHS North Yorkshire Stop Smoking Service is available to provide one-to-one support. They are based on Monkgate and can be contacted on 0845 8770025. Website: [www.givingupsmoking.co.uk](http://www.givingupsmoking.co.uk)

Where demand exists, the NY Stop Smoking Service can be provided to a group of employees or students who wish to give up smoking. This will take the form of regular support meetings at Forest Moor combined with on-going help from the Service.

General Practitioners can provide help within their surgeries or can refer to sources of support.

Useful web-sites are: [www.gosmokefree.co.uk](http://www.gosmokefree.co.uk); [www.quit.org.uk](http://www.quit.org.uk) ; [www.nosmokingday.org.uk](http://www.nosmokingday.org.uk)