

Non-Smoking

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At Goostrey Community Primary School we believe that smoking is harmful to health, and so we strongly discourage our children from smoking. As a Local Authority establishment, the school premises and grounds are a no smoking environment. Our policy includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 We aim to:

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking, and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.

3. ORGANISATION

- 3.1 We teach children to understand the dangers of smoking as part of their Personal and Health education. As well as teaching the children about the effects that smoking has on the body, we engage them in discussions about the reasons why people start to smoke, and what they themselves might do if other people encourage them to try cigarettes. The children's class teacher leads all such discussions in a sensitive manner. S/he encourages the children to explore the views of other people, and to reflect on his/her personal convictions with regard to smoking. While we explain that it is illegal to sell cigarettes to people under sixteen years of age, our aim is to help the children make their own decision not to smoke simply because they believe it is the wrong lifestyle to choose.
- 3.2 The dangers of smoking arise as an issue in Science lessons at Key Stage 2, when children learn about the way

substances affect the body, e.g. when we teach them about how medicines can help the body. When such an issue arises, the class teacher deals with it in context, and answers the children's questions to the best of his/her ability, taking care to explain that smoking is dangerous, and should be avoided.

- 3.3 Parents may view any of the smoking-related teachings materials that we use in our school.

4. STAFF

- 4.1 We do not allow smoking on the school premises, as we do not want to present smoking as acceptable. Nor do we wish to present adult smokers as role models. If any member of staff wishes to smoke, s/he must leave the school site. Should we find any member of staff smoking at school, we consider this a serious breach of the terms of employment and will refer he/she to LA Policy.

5. MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 51 It is the role of the Headteacher to ensure that this policy is fully implemented.
The governors review this policy as part of their curriculum committee's monitoring of the effectiveness of the school's PHSE programme.

This policy is to be implemented with due regard to Health and Safety and in accordance with Single Equality Policy

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