

LWS Academy Smoke-free Policy – MAY 2018

1.0 Aim

To create a smoke-free school.
To promote healthy environment.
To promote healthy lifestyles choices.
To uphold legislation regarding smoking.

2.0 Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.

Secondhand Smoke – ‘breathing other people’s tobacco smoke’ causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children start smoking every day (ASH).

Under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974), the school has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.

The Health Act 2006 requires all indoor workplaces to be smoke-free and for smoke-free signage to be placed at all entrances. This includes schools/colleges.

Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention.

Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people’s exposure to seeing smoking (ASH, 2004).

2.0 Restrictions on smoking

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the school, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building.

The enforcement of this smoke-free policy will be the responsibility of all responsible persons within the school. The school’s disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

This policy applies to employees, students, parents, carers, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school premises or vehicles. This

policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of the policy.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoke-free policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of students, parents, carers and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

3.0 Student smoking

Students are not allowed to smoke anywhere on the school site, or the areas adjacent to the school. Students are not allowed to bring any smoking paraphernalia on to the school site. Students may be searched at the school gate and if they refuse to hand over any smoking material will not be allowed entry to the school. Parents/carers are expected to make arrangements for return to home. If students are found smoking on the school site or leave the school site during the day will result in immediate after-school detention. Persistent disregard for the rules may result in students accessing their education via alternative means which may not be on the school site or during the normal school day; and/or potential exclusion or permanent exclusion.

4.0 Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace will be provided, although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking (see paragraph 9.0).

5.0 Vehicles

The smoke-free policy will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles. This is required by the Health Act 2006. Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

6.0 Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees and students in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting the Hampshire PCT NHS Stop Smoking Service (Quit4Life) and through both regular health promotion activities and specialist advice regarding health promotion activity. Quit4life will provide the school on request with information on giving up smoking and services to support school staff, students and parents/carers (either on or off site). Where practicable, requests

from employees to attend smoking cessation programmes during working hours will be supported. Educational resources for use in the curriculum are also available through the Hampshire PCT Public Health Resource Library and Information Service (www.healthresources.hantspct.nhs.uk).

7.0 Signage

No Smoking Signs will be displayed at all main entrances to the school buildings (as required by the Health Act 2006). Suitable posters will also be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke-free working environment.

8.0 Legislation

This policy takes due regard of the following legislation and guidance:

DFE Guidance – DFE and ACPO drug advice for schools (2012)

DFE –Searching, screening and confiscation (2014)

Health and Safety at Work Act (1974)

Health Act (2016)

9.0 Review

This will be reviewed after one year, and thereafter every three years. This policy was adopted by the Governing Body at its full meeting in the:

Term (Summer 2018)

Please indicate date:

Signature (Chair of governors) _____

Date: _____

First Review Date: _____

(After one year)

Second Review date: _____

(After three years)

10.0 For further information

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the smoke-free policy contact the school Administration Office.