

**ST MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**SMOKE FREE POLICY**



*'Growing Together in Faith & Love'*

**Reviewed May 2023**

## **Aim of this policy:**

To ensure a whole-school approach to smoking in order to protect all members of the school community from the harms of second-hand smoke and to prevent the uptake of, and reduce the prevalence of, smoking across the school community.

### **1. Restrictions on smoking in the school**

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school's premises and grounds including the entrance area to the school, on land adjacent to the school building (eg. Car parks, garden areas, walkways, playgrounds, playing fields etc.) or on the school road crossing patrol areas. This includes use of e-cigarettes as well as tobacco.

There are no designated smoking areas provided within the school buildings or grounds. Suitable posters, displays and statutory no smoking signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke free working environment.

#### **Staff:**

All staff (teaching, peripatetic, support and non-teaching) must not smoke while on school premises if they wish to smoke off school premises, they must ensure they are not in the view of students.

#### **Parents:**

Parents may not smoke while on school premises. Communication will be sent home to parents informing them of the policy. Information will also be clearly placed on the school website.

#### **Visitors:**

Visitors to the school may not smoke while on school premises. This applies to all visitors to the school – for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, and repair people. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence:

- Clearly worded Smokefree signs will be visible to Staff, Students and Visitors
- Staff will inform visitors of the policy when necessary

#### **School related activities:**

The prohibition of smoking will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, eg. Educational Visits. Parents/teachers who transport students will be required to comply with the Smokefree (private vehicles) legislation 2015.

#### **Residential visits:**

Teachers who do wish to smoke, particularly during residential visits, will need to clarify in advance where smoking will be permitted. Smoking is not permitted to take place in the presence of students.

#### **School premises utilised outside normal working hours:**

Smoking is not permitted on the school premises after non-working hours, even if the school premises are being used for purposes other than school related activities.

## **School minibuses and vehicles:**

No smoking should take place in any vehicle owned, or hired, by schools or local authorities. This is the case whether or not students are present. Teachers are not permitted to smoke in their own private vehicles if they are parked on school premises and/or visible to students.

## **2. How smoking on school premises will be addressed**

If anyone breaks the rules prohibiting smoking on the school premises, this behaviour will be addressed promptly, and in a way which encourages the smoker to consider quitting.

### **Staff**

Students are aware of staff who smoke. Staff who are smokers are also encouraged to quit smoking for their own health. Advice about quitting should be available on notice boards, the school website, promoted at team meetings and supervisions.

If staff would like help quitting they should be **encouraged to contact the Milton Keynes Stop Smoking Service on 01908 254 026 or alternatively they can text: SCHOOLS to 07800 005 170**

## **3. Smoking prevention and education**

It is recommended that tobacco education is part of the school's curriculum of drug education in PSHE. It includes the health effects, legal, economic and social aspects of tobacco use.

A range of age appropriate methodologies are used to deliver tobacco education with the aim of preventing the uptake of smoking. Parents/carers are encouraged and supported to be actively involved in their child's drug/tobacco education through home/school activities, drug education evenings etc.

### **Implementing and monitoring:**

- The policy will be published on the school's website and parents, students and teachers informed.
- Members of staff will be given a copy of the policy.
- Members of staff will inform school visitors of the policy.
- Signs and notices will be posted in prominent positions throughout the school premises.

The school smoking policy will be monitored at least once per year by the Senior Management Team of the school in consultation with staff and a report made to the Board of Governors. The Policy will be reviewed and, if appropriate, revised to ensure that it continues to meet the general principle of Smokefree Schools.