

GLADE School

Anti-smoking including E Cigarettes Policy

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Fair Ways Vision, Mission and Values

Our vision

To build an institution that makes a difference to society and leaves a legacy greater than ourselves and our contributions.

Our mission

Making a difference through passionate care, support and education.

Our values

As a charity we measure our wealth by the difference we make, rather than any profit.

We believe that by embodying a culture in which every individual is valued for their own contribution, we can develop them and harness their potential, so that they may achieve great things.

Our values form the heart of the work we do, defined by Fair Ways people, for Fair Ways people. These are the values by which we operate, by which we are governed, and to which we are held accountable.

We therefore expect every individual within the organisation to *play their part*:

P ROFESSIONAL	A CCEPTING	R EFLECTIVE	T RANSPARENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We do what we say we will We approach challenges with optimism and enthusiasm We don't judge, we notice We put the needs of the service before our own personal gains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We don't give up on people We value all individuals and are willing to challenge them We embrace each other's differences as much as our similarities We accept responsibility for our actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We give feedback, we invite feedback, we listen to feedback We look inward before we look outward We learn as much from our mistakes as from our successes We listen to each other, learn from each other and grow together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are always willing to explain why We have the courage to be open and honest We earn trust through our transparency We live by our values even when no-one is watching

1 Introduction

- 1.1 There can be little doubt that attitudes towards smoking in public areas and at workplaces have changed dramatically over the past decade or so. This follows an increased concern about matters of Health and Safety generally and associated educational issues. More recently there have been specific concerns over the effects of 'passive smoking' and a growing tendency among children and students to smoke, especially Looked after Children and children diagnosed to having social and emotional behavioural needs.
- 1.2 The Government White paper "Choosing Health: Making healthier choices easier", promise new action to tackle tobacco and reduce the deaths caused by smoking in the UK every year. This is why in 2007 the introduction of smoke free areas was introduced and all workplaces in England must be smoke free (Health Act 2006 and the smoke free (premises and enforcement) regulations 2006). It is now a criminal offence to smoke in a smoke-free place.
- 1.3 Smoking is known to be a serious risk to health. It is a significant cause of disease and premature death. In addition, there is now evidence that "passive smoking", the inhaling of other people's smoke, can cause lung cancer in non-smokers, as well as causing a deterioration of respiratory conditions.

2 Aims

- 2.1 GLADE School regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. It recognises that its staff act as role models for students in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. In light of the evidence that secondhand smoking causes damage to health, this smoking policy has been implemented to:
 - Protect staff, students, visitors and contractors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
 - Acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging students to smoke and starting to smoke.
 - To be a health promoting school including passing all aims and objectives within the Healthy School Award.
 - Raise awareness of dangers of smoking through P.S.H.E lessons and help smokers to quit.

3 Purpose

- 3.1 The purpose of this smoking policy is to provide a healthy and safe learning environment for all employees, students, parents, contractors and other visitors.

- 3.2 The intention is not to confront smokers but to encourage and help those that wish to give up. The students that attend GLADE School have arrived after failing in most educational mainstream and specialist provisions. They arrive from very traumatic backgrounds and along their journey have been involved in substance mis-use for a number of years, including smoking which they have learnt through family or used to help cope with life events. The issue is not whether someone smokes, but where and when he or she smokes and how the school offers the necessary support if they wish to stop. GLADE School main priority is to engage its students in education and building trust and positive relationships with adults. Once this is established then smoking and other health related issues are tackled.

4 Main School Ban

- 4.1 This smoking policy would not allow any smoking including E Cigarettes (Vapes) within the boundaries of the main school building at any time, by anyone – staff, students, parents / carers or visitors, under any circumstances.
- 4.2 The school has a designated smoking area away from the main school building.
- 4.3 It would be the responsibility of the Head of School and the staff to enforce the policy at all times and to advise everyone and ensure that visitors to the school site comply with these arrangements.
- 4.4 The school will display signs / notices reminding people that this is a smoke free site.

5 Support to Everyone

- 5.1 The Head of School recognises that staff and students who smoke may need support either to give up or help control their smoking.
- 5.2 The school will make available to staff and students the NHS smoking helpline number to get free advice and for information on your nearest **Stop Smoking Service on 0800 013 0845**. Students will also be offered each half term the opportunity to visit their GP / pharmacy to gain the resources needed to stop smoking.
- 5.3 Staff Co-operation
- Staff are not allowed to smoke cigarettes including E Cigarettes (Vapes) in the presence / sight of students or parents in the designated smoking area. This would include trips outside of school hours and any timetabled offsite activities.
 - Staff are not allowed to smoke cigarettes including E Cigarettes (Vapes) on the main school premises.
 - Staff are not permitted to give pupils tobacco or E Cigarettes (Vapes)

- Staff to promote and educate pupils around the dangers of smoking.

5.4 Students

- Smoking cigarettes including E Cigarettes (Vapes) among students during school hours by the main school building is not permitted.
- Smoking cigarettes including E Cigarettes (Vapes) among students on school visits or trips is not permitted.
- Help will always be provided to those pupils who want advice and the dangers of smoking will be taught in P.S.H.E throughout key stage 3 and 4.
- Students caught smoking cigarettes including E Cigarettes (Vapes) by the main school building will be logged on Clear Care and all relevant parties will be informed i.e. social worker etc. The following actions will be considered:
 1. forms completed and logged
 2. loss of points rewards / loss of break times / inclusion
 3. awareness session on the dangers of smoking
 4. letter home to parents / carers and social workers
 5. details on support stop smoking services through leaflets and poster (provided)
 6. referral to drop-in sessions with external agencies
 7. repetition or refusal to comply may result in an exclusion from the main school site

5.5 Parents

- Parents to be informed of the smoking policy and made available as per normal school policy procedures. Any changes will be communicated fully through the normal means of communication.

5.6 Signage

- Clearly worded signs will be sited at the gates, entrances and in prominent positions throughout the school premises.

6 Associated Documentation & Legislation

- Health Act 2006