



ALDERMAN RICHARD HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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No Smoking Policy



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It is a legal requirement that Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School will be a totally smoke-free school. We also believe that smoking is harmful to health and so operate a strict no smoking policy throughout the school premises in order to provide a safe and healthy working and learning environment for all children and adults.

Smoking refers to the consumption of **all** tobacco related products and tobacco replacement products including electronic cigarettes, pipes, cigars, cigarettes and vaporisers (vaping).

RATIONALE

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society.
- Passive smoking - breathing other people's tobacco smoke - is also potentially fatal.
- It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers.
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff, carers and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

PURPOSE

The document will:

- Provide a point of reference for future discussion and development.
- Offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking.
- Contain information for other interested parties, e.g. parents, carers, governors, advisory colleagues and inspectors.
- Encourage and promote a whole team response which reflects the common practice amongst all staff towards a healthy smoke free environment.

AIMS

At Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School, we aim to encourage children to respect themselves and others, and to make healthy choices. We aim, through relevant themes and topics, to ensure that our children, because of their young age, are provided with opportunities:

- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly.
- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body.
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines – Please see our PSHE Policy for further details on this.
- To foster good relationships and habits.
- To help them to develop positive attitudes to good health.
- To answer their questions in a simple but factual way as any good parent or carer might.
- To voice their concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously and matters dealt with appropriately.

School Environment

- The school site is an entirely smoke-free environment.
- Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds or in the school buildings including toilets, corridors, staff rooms, car parks and playing fields.
- This policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, carers, visitors and contractors when they are on the school site.

- Smoking signs are prominently displayed around the school grounds reflecting the school's stance to smoking on site. Compulsory signage will be displayed as required by the Health Act.
- Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or buildings at any time. This includes school events held outside normal school hours.
- Organisations and clubs who use the school premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the school's No Smoking Policy.
- All transport provided or contracted by the school is smoke free and will display the compulsory signage as required by the Health Act.
- Teachers, volunteers and staff are expected to refrain from smoking on all school trips.

Staff

The teaching staff and governors must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that cigarette smoking and second-hand smoke does to health and be aware of the nature of tobacco addiction.

Staff and the PSHE Lead will ensure smoking-related topics are appropriately covered into class teaching for upper Key Stage 2.

- Staff are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site.
- Staff should refrain from smoking in sight of the school grounds in line with the Staff Code of Conduct.
- Staff will not smoke in front of pupils during educational visits.
- Details of the NHS Stop Smoking Service will be available to those staff who inform the school that they wish to quit. Details and leaflets offering support will be available in the staff room and from the school nurse.

Parents, Carers and Volunteers

- Parents, carers and volunteers will be informed that the school site is a smoke-free environment.
- Parents, carers and volunteers are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school grounds.
- Parents, carers and volunteers will be discouraged from smoking at entrances and exits to the school site whilst collecting their child.
- Parents, carers and volunteers will be asked to refrain from smoking when assisting on any school trips or events.

Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site

- All contractors, visitors and users of the school site are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site and signage will act as a reminder.
- Contractors, visitors and users of the school site should be discouraged from smoking at exits and entrances to the school grounds, especially in view of pupils.
- Smoking inside work vehicles on site is not permitted.

The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

The policy will be reviewed in September 2025