

Varna Community Primary School

Smoke Free School Policy

Purpose

At **Varna Community Primary School**, we value the health and welfare of all our students, staff and visitors.

Smoking has been proved detrimental to health, and second-hand smoking (breathing in other people's tobacco smoke) has also been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers.

It is important that our policy and approach to smoking should actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drug education. Therefore this policy promotes practices within the school to reinforce our vision, and to remove practices that negate them.

Ownership

In developing this policy, we have sought to:

- Build on our commitment to community wellbeing
- Reinforce our drug education aims
- Reflect Council policy
- Meet DfES / DCSF guidelines
- Comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 which, places a duty on employers to provide a working environment that is *safe and without risks to health*
- Comply with the Health Act 2006 which requires enclosed or substantially enclosed premises to be smoke free

Targets

There will be no smoking on the school grounds and where possible anywhere near students when they are on off-site educational visits.

Policy

It is the policy of **Varna Community Primary School** that smoking will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on the school premises. This includes:

- All school buildings
- All school grounds (including the school playing fields)
- Smoking in a vehicle parked anywhere on the school grounds
- All off-site activities
- Off-site lunchtime provision

- All educational and other visits
- All outside lettings

The policy applies to EVERYONE involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Students
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on site
- Anyone attending an outside letting

E-Cigarettes

One of the latest aids to giving up smoking is the “e-cigarette”. These should not be ‘smoked’ on MCC premises, partly because there is not enough evidence to prove that they don’t pose any health risks, and the Council believes that permitting the use of e-cigarettes would be a step backwards in the efforts to eliminate smoking at work.

The use of any form of E-cigarette within the school premises or during the school day is also prohibited by this policy. The school is a no smoking site and as such E-cigarettes are not permitted.

The school will actively discourage smoking at entrances and exits to school and anywhere visible by students (e.g. by the school perimeter fence).

Implementation

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation and enforcement of our smoke free policy, and to assist us in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation and enforcement.

If a student is found in possession of smoking equipment or materials, including e-cigarettes, then the items will be confiscated and parents / carers informed.

If a member of staff has reasonable suspicion that a student has been smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, then it will result in disciplinary action being taken against the pupil.

If it is believed that a member of staff has been smoking on the school site, then it will lead to disciplinary action.

If it is believed that a visitor, including parents or contractors, has been smoking on the school site they will be asked to leave the premises and suitable subsequent action taken to prevent a re-occurrence.

As part of the school's smoke-free strategy, we will:

- (a) Ensure that the content of this policy is regularly made known to all persons it concerns, including staff, students, parents / carers, voluntary helpers and hirers
- (b) Display the *No Smoking* signs at all public entrances of the school and in school vehicles
- (c) Offer support to anyone in the school community who is seeking to stop smoking
- (d) Offer training to staff to support smoking cessation
- (e) Keep a regular check on the school premises to ensure that they are clear of any smoking related litter

Monitoring, evaluation and accountability

This smoke free school policy, and its implementation, will be regularly evaluated by the Governing Body, and will be formally reviewed as part of the school development process.

Approved by the Governing Body Autumn Term 2016