



# Benhurst Primary School Policy Statement

*'Only my best is good enough for me'*



<b>Policy</b>	<b>No Smoking Policy</b>
<b>Implementation Date</b>	<b>September 2018</b>
<b>Review Date</b>	<b>September 2021</b>

## Aim

This school regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. We recognise that staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. In light of the evidence that second hand smoke causes damage to health, this policy has been implemented to:

- protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
- to acknowledge the educational role of the school in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke
- to help smokers to quit.

## 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. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second hand smoke.
- Breathing in second hand smoke is a health and safety issue for all adults who work at the school.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air.
- 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. They should not see adults smoking cigarettes or e-cigarettes on the school premises.

## No Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises - buildings and grounds. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes.

## Staff

Staff are recognised `role models` and as such are required not to smoke in sight of the children. This will include visits/ school trips etc. and include teaching and non-teaching staff.

## Visitors

The No Smoking Policy applies to all Visitors to the school (including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and repair people).

### **Parents and Carers**

It will be requested that Parents and Carers adhere to the No Smoking Policy and refrain from smoking or using e-cigarettes on the school grounds.

### **Communicating the Policy**

The following arrangements have been made for informing people of the policy's existence:

- Staff will be informed of the No Smoking Policy at recruitment.
- Clearly worded signs will be on our site in buildings to inform visitors that the premises are smoke free.
- Visiting workmen will be informed of our no smoking policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- This policy will be added to the school website.

### **Assistance for those who smoke**

We recognise that smoking is an addictive behaviour. Anyone who wishes to give up may wish to refer to the NHS website ([www.nhs.uk/smokefree](http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree)).