

Glen Hills Primary School No Smoking Policy

As from 1st July 2007, smoking in an enclosed public space has been illegal in the United Kingdom.

Rationale

There is medical proof that smoking has a detrimental effect on the health of those that smoke and on people who are in the company of smokers. It is important that we encourage all people to consider the consequences of smoking to themselves and others around them. We must try to protect all those who work and visit the school from the harmful effects of smoking.

<u>Purpose</u>

- 1. To provide a non-smoking site which protects the health of all members of the school community and visitors to the school.
- 2. To promote the benefits of not smoking and educate the pupils of the school as to the harmful effects of smoking.

Guidelines

- 1. The school site including all buildings and grounds has been designated as a **No Smoking Area.**
- 2. Visitors to the site will be notified that the school is a No Smoking Area. Any visitor to the site who is seen smoking will be asked not to smoke whilst on the premises.
- 3. Included within the school curriculum, and specifically in the Personal, Social and Health Education programme, will be work covering the issues relating to smoking and passive smoking.
- 4. The pupils' image of smoking will be sought and where necessary challenged.
- 5. The peer pressure to smoke will be challenged. All available resources, including PSHE, visiting speakers and the school peer counselling will be used towards this end.

- 6. Pupils who smoke or bring cigarettes on to the site are disobeying a school rule and must expect to be punished. All cigarettes will be confiscated. Parents will automatically be notified.
- 7. Parents will be encouraged to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking school site and in educating their sons/daughters in the dangers of smoking.

Conclusion

It is hoped that by these actions we can maintain a **No Smoking** school site for the benefit of all who use it. By this policy we would hope to raise the awareness of pupils, staff and visitors to the dangers of smoking.

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