

Smoking Policy

(revised August 2018)

Prepared with the DFE and ACPO Sept 2012 drug advice for schools

Introduction

The term “smoking” is used to cover all forms of smoking; this covers the use of tobacco in cigarettes, pipes etc, the use of herbal tobacco and vaping (or e-cigarettes/e-pipes)

Smoking and second hand smoking has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm.

The Iona School and Nursery aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff and to this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy.

Aims and Objectives:

1. To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
2. To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
3. To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.

The Smoke-Free Environment:

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors and governors.

1. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, land and car parks.
2. Smoking by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
3. Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site is not allowed
4. The relevant signage is displayed around school.

Dissemination and Implementation:

The contents of this policy are made explicit to all staff and visitors.

The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Ultimately the school manager will be responsible for dealing with reported

incidents of breaches to this policy and has at their disposal a range of responses in managing such incidents. (Please refer to disciplinary procedures.)

Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

All reported breaches of this policy will be recorded using 'Record of incident involving unauthorised drug'

People wishing to stop smoking will be signposted to their local GP service

related policies

- healthy eating
- Substance misuse

Smoking breaks for staff

Staff are not allowed to take additional smoking breaks at any point in their working day. If a staff member smokes, they must only go in their allotted lunch time and remove themselves fully offsite. As we encourage children not to smoke and expect staff to set a good example, staff must observe this and not smoke within 30 metres of the school entrance.

Issue date

This policy takes effect from the August 2010

Review date

This policy will be reviewed and revised by the school manager on an annual basis.

Endorsement

Full endorsement to this policy is given by:

Name:	Mr Martin Taylor
Position:	Iona School Trustee
Signed:	
Date:	07/08/2018