

# **KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL SMOKING POLICY**

### School Statement

Keston Primary School is presently designated a totally “Non-Smoking” site – this is to include all buildings, the playground and grass areas; and is to apply continually during and after school hours, weekends and during holiday times. There is no available ‘smoking’ area on site. The ‘No Smoking’ policy is to apply equally to staff, parents and any visitors to the school. Having a school with a smoke free atmosphere is seen as important by Keston Primary and everyone who comes to the school is actively encouraged to uphold the ‘No Smoking’ policy, in order to present positive healthy role-models for the children.

As of September 2007 the government has directed that all schools, including all school grounds are to be smoke-free spaces.

**1.0 Aim** To create a ‘smoke free’ school.

### **2.0 Objectives**

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide a ‘smoke free’ and therefore more healthy school environment for both children and adults.
- To provide young people with consistent message regarding tobacco and drug use and appropriate role models of adults who are seen to be not smoking.

### **3.0 Rationale**

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.
- Second Hand Smoke – ‘breathing other peoples tobacco smoke’ causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children start smoking every day. (ASH)
- The Governments White Paper ‘Choosing health - making healthy choices,’ identifies plans to places restrictions on smoking within the workplace.
- The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention.

- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking. (ASH, 2004)
- Any risks to pregnant mothers and young babies who frequent the school are minimised.
- Any additional risk of fire that smoking may produce is reduced.
- The school reflects the changing views of society in relation to smoking in public places.

#### **4.0 Restrictions on smoking within the workplace**

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the school's premises, including kitchens, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, playing fields, walkway etc) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this total smoking ban is the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the schools premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

Non compliance by pupils will be dealt with in agreement of the schools Disciplinary Procedure.

#### **5.0 Designated smoking areas**

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises. This policy is in line with the National Healthy Schools Programme.

#### **6.0 Facilities for Smokers**

No facilities for smoking in the workplace are provided although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking (see paragraph 9.0.)

## **7.0 Vehicles**

The smoking ban applies to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Employees must refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

## **8.0 Legally Required Signage**

All smokefree premises and vehicles will display no smoking signs that meet the requirements of the 2007 public smoking ban. Signs will make it clear which premises and vehicles are smokefree and demonstrate that the school is taking the necessary steps to meet the requirements of the law.

“No smoking” signs will be obviously displayed around the school, especially in relevant areas, eg staffroom, parents’ room, office, kitchen, main entrance.

## **9.0 Help with smoking cessation**

The school will support employees in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting external smoking cessation services and through both regular health promotion activities and specialist advice regarding health promotion activity, including Croydon Stop Smoking Service 020 8666 0370. Resources will also be sourced to educate pupils.

The school will support other members of the school’s community eg parents wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting external smoking cessation services.

Where practicable, requests from employees to attend smoking cessation programmes during working hours will be supported in line with Croydon Council Policy: <http://intranet.croydon.net/staff/Handbook/Mod%2017%20Chapt%203%20%20Smoking%20&%20Health%20Policy.doc> and Croydon Council Smoke-free Charter: <http://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/healthadvice/smokefree>.

## **10.0 Education and Publicity**

Suitable anti-posters and leaflets will be displayed in the school to create a positive visual message which supports a Smokefree lifestyle. The dangers of tobacco will be addressed comprehensively in the schools drugs, alcohol, and tobacco education programme (see the school PSHE policy for details) in line with DCSF and Healthy Schools guidance and in support of Every Child Matters outcomes, especially ‘Being Healthy’.

## **11.0 New Buildings**

This policy will apply equally to all future premises at the design stage of any new building, and refurbishment or relocation project.

## **12.0 Appointments**

This school is a No Smoking school and this is made clear within all of our appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus.

### **13.0 Links**

- **Health and Safety**

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

- **Healthy Schools**

The policy was developed in line with recommended good practice from the Croydon Healthy Schools Programme.

- **Council Policy**

This Smoking Policy is in line with Croydon Council's smokefree policy (see above).

### **14.0 Review**

This policy will be reviewed every two years.  
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### **15.0 For further information**

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the Smoking Policy contact the PSHE lead or Healthy Schools Coordinator within the School: