



GLEBE PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNITED LEARNING ACADEMY

Smoke Free Policy
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This policy applies to all types of smoking including the use of E-cigarettes. Glebe Primary School has a duty to protect the health of its students, employees, service users and the public. Breathing other people's smoke is a health hazard and damages an individual's health. Glebe Primary School is subject to the law, including the provisions of the Health Act 2006 which came into force on 1 July 2007.

Glebe Primary School also has a key role in promoting better health. Smoking related ill health is a major challenge for everyone and Glebe Primary School needs to positively model its efforts to champion smoke free environments and stopping smoking.

For the purposes of this policy, smoking is taken to include all use of legal tobacco products, herbal substitutes and vaping.

Aims of the Policy

- To ensure that the health and safety risks created by smoking are managed and that students, employees and others are not exposed to other people's smoke.
- To prevent all forms of smoking in the school and surrounding area near the school by students and staff.
- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace.
- To provide information, advice and guidance for those who wish to stop smoking.
- To inform students of the law relating to smoking.
- To ensure that all students understand the effects and potential dangers of smoking.
- To communicate to parents Glebe Primary School's stance on smoking.

Requirements of the Policy

The Glebe Primary School site is an entirely smoke free environment. Smoking, including the use of E-cigarettes, together with liquid nicotine and similar appliances is not permitted within the school buildings or within the perimeter of the school's site. This includes school events held outside normal school hours, or at any time when a student is wearing Glebe Primary School's uniform, regardless of location, including travelling to or from the school.

This policy applies to staff, students, parents, visitors, contractors, partners, service users and the public when they are on the school's site.

Smoking is not permitted within courtyards, at entrance ways or in areas adjacent to buildings where smoke may be unpleasant for people passing or using that area or where the smell of smoke may affect others.

Organisations and clubs who use the school's premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the Glebe Primary School's Smoke Free Policy.

All transport provided by Glebe Primary School must be smoke free.

All staff and volunteers who accompany students on off-site activities must not smoke in front of students or on the transport used for the activity.

Setting a standard and a good example

Staff and Volunteers:

All staff must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that smoking and second hand smoke can do to health and have responsibility in the promotion of non-smoking to students.

Glebe Primary School views the role of members of staff as crucial in discouraging students from smoking.

Breaches of this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the Academy Site:

All contractors, parents, visitors and users of the Glebe Primary School site will be informed of the school's Smoke Free Policy on signing in at Reception and are not permitted to smoke anywhere on site.

Breaches of the school's Smoke Free Policy by contractors should be reported to the Office Manager.

Persistent breach will be followed by exclusion from site.

Consequences for students

If a student who is in the possession of or is using tobacco or e-cigarettes, e.g. they are smoking on the playground, or they have an e-cigarette in their pocket they will:

- have the cigarettes/e-cigarette/accessories confiscated.
- be placed in Reflection Time for 24 hours

In all cases parents will be informed.

N.B. Students caught smoking within the vicinity of Glebe Primary School are bringing the school into disrepute within its community, this may therefore receive the same sanction as smoking on school premises.

If a student refuses to hand over the prohibited items they may face further sanctions including off-site directions or suspensions.

Help to stop smoking

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit www.nhs.uk/smokefree or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0300 123 1044 for details.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Head teacher will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing and regularly monitoring students, staff and other adults using the school site to ensure compliance.

The Head teacher and relevant member of the Senior Leadership Team will review and monitor the PSHE curriculum to ensure that they are providing education on the dangers of smoking and second hand tobacco smoke, including E-cigarettes, together with liquid nicotine and similar appliances emphasising the benefits of not smoking.

Glebe Primary School acknowledges that smoking is an addiction and will ensure that adequate support will be made available to those who want to quit.

The Local Governing Body will review this policy and assess its implementation and effectiveness regularly. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

This policy is available on the school's website and staff will be made aware of it.