



OLD BUCKENHAM HALL

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# Smoke Free Policy



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### **SMOKE FREE POLICY**

#### **Aim:**

This school regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. It recognises that the 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 assist compliance with the Health Act 2006 and to;

- protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke
- acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke; and
- 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.

#### **Smoking Policy:**

It is the policy of Old Buckingham Hall that all our workplaces are smoke free, and all employees, visitors and pupils have a right to work in a smoke free environment. The policy shall come into effect on Sunday 1 July 2007. Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises in the workplace. This includes company vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, pupils, consultants, contractors, customers and visitors.

The only area where smoking is allowed:

- In the designated smoking area behind the Britten Hall.

#### **Electronic cigarettes:**

Please note that this policy also applies to electronic cigarettes (also known as vaporising cigarettes or e-cigs) in its premises and vehicles on fire safety grounds. This type of cigarette may only be used in the smoking area.

**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 Smoke Free Policy applies to all Visitors to the school (including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors).

**Parents and Carers:**

It will be requested that Parents and Carers adhere to the Smoke Free Policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds, unless in the delegated area.

**Implementation:**

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Board of Governors. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy. The Business Manager will inform all existing employees, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. He will also ensure that all new personnel are aware of this policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises, and in all smoke free vehicles where relevant.

**Non Compliance:**

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy.

Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

**Assistance for those who smoke:**

We recognise that smoking is an addictive behaviour. The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. ([gosmokefree.co.uk](http://gosmokefree.co.uk)) or advice can be sought from the School Nurse

**Review:**

This policy will be reviewed by the Business Manager annually or when changes in legislation take place

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