



Non-Smoking Policy

Statement of Intent

The nursery has designated all the premises within the confines of the nursery a smoke free area. This policy has been developed to help provide a healthy, safe and comfortable environment by intending to protect everyone against the effects of second-hand smoke and promote health in the workforce.

From July 1st, 2007, it is against the law to smoke on the nursery premises. We comply with Health and Safety regulations and the Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage – The Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements, in making our setting a no-smoking environment - both indoor and outdoor.

The Health Act 2006 prohibits smoking (smoking or being in the possession of lit tobacco, anything containing tobacco or any other substance) in all public premises including workplaces and charity owned/hire cars.

Method

- No one is permitted to smoke at any time on the nursery premises; smoking or being in possession of lit cigarettes, cigars or pipes is not permitted in any premises occupied or utilised by staff, parents and visitors.
- Practitioners should not vape or use e-cigarettes in the nursery building.
- Smoking and vaping is not permitted immediately outside the entrances, stairways, fire exits, car parks or open windows of the preschool due to the risks of passive smoking.
- Staff who smoke do not do so during working hours.
- Staff who wish to smoke are also prohibited from doing so in the nursery grounds, including the car park, thus reducing the chance of any child seeing a member of staff smoking.
- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our no-smoking policy. Visitors and other members of the public will be made aware of our policy by means of general publicity and signs/notices at the entrance to the preschool
- We display no-smoking signs.
- We actively encourage no-smoking by having information for parents and staff about where to get help to stop smoking if they are seeking this information.
<http://gosmokefree.nhs.uk/>

- Smoking on nursery premises or grounds will be an offence under the Health Act 2006. In the unlikely event that a member of the nursery does not comply with the policy, disciplinary action may be taken.

Legal framework and guidance

- Health Act 2006
- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006
- The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007
- Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces guidance 2016

Guidance - Statutory Framework for the Early Years 2025

Section 3: The Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements 3.28