



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

No Smoking Policy

Introduction

Smoking is known to be a serious risk to health. It is a significant cause of disease and premature death. In addition there is evidence that "passive smoking", the inhaling of other people's smoke, can cause lung cancer in non-smokers, as well as causing a deterioration of respiratory conditions.

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 places a duty on employers to provide a working environment that is:

'Safe, without risk to health'

Calow Primary School acknowledges that second hand tobacco smoke is both a public and work place health hazard and have therefore adopted this no smoking policy.

Calow Primary School complies with smoke-free legislation under the Health Act 2006, which from 1st July 2007 placed a duty on 'any person who controls or is concerned in the management of smoke-free premises' i.e. the Headteacher, to ensure compulsory signage is displayed in the required places and smoking is prevented in all 'enclosed' or 'substantially enclosed' premises. The School should also take account of the needs of those who are addicted to smoking and to offer an avenue of support for those who wish to stop.

Currently electronic cigarettes are covered by consumer product regulation. From 2016 they will come under the revised EU Tobacco Products Directive, except where therapeutic claims are made or they contain over 20 mg/ml of nicotine, when they will require medicines authorisation under [Directive 2001/83/EC](#). At present, Calow Primary has decided that electronic cigarettes are to be treated in the same way as cigarettes and will not be allowed to be 'smoked' on School premises.

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of employees, pupils and visitors
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke
- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop
- Provide good examples for the children to follow

Restrictions on Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in any part of the premises, entrances or grounds at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business with Calow Primary School. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Smoking will not be tolerated at entrances and exits and is not permitted in any area on School premises.

Organisations and clubs who use the School premises outside of School hours are expected to adhere to the School's No Smoking Policy. Any contravention of the policy will lead to termination of the School's agreement with the organisation or club.

Smoking signs are prominently displayed around the School grounds reflecting the School's stance to smoking on site. Compulsory signage is displayed as required by the Health Act.

Visitors

All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the no smoking policy. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking policy. However they are not expected to enter into any confrontation, which may put their personal safety at risk.

Vehicles

Smoking is not permitted in vehicles on school site or any vehicles being used on school business.

Support for smokers

There's a free local NHS Stop Smoking Service in most areas. Studies show that you are four times more likely to quit with NHS help. Developed by experts and ex-smokers and delivered by professionals, the local NHS Stop Smoking Service provides expert advice, support and encouragement to help stop smoking for good.

It offers free one-to-one support along with stop smoking medicines, which are available for the cost of a prescription. When asked if they would recommend the service, 9 out of 10 smokers who've used a local NHS Stop Smoking Service say they would. For more information visit <https://quitnow.smokefree.nhs.uk/>

Disciplinary Action

Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish the offending item and/or leave the premises. Staff and pupils who breach the no smoking policy will be disciplined appropriately.

Monitoring and reviewing

The Governing Body of Calow Primary School is responsible for the implantation of this policy. The policy will be reviewed in line with the school review cycle to ensure that it continues to meet the aims.

The Headteacher and Governing Body are responsible for Policy implementation.

Date Policy devised: January, 2006

Policy reviewed: May, 2008

Policy revised: April, 2012 and April 2015