



Beever Primary School

No Smoking Policy

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Date to be reviewed **September 2016**



1. Introduction

The school has a duty of care to its employees, pupils and visitors to provide a safe and healthy environment. The policy identifies how **Beever Primary School** will create a smoke free environment within and around the school premises for the benefit of staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the public.

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Policy

- 1.1 This policy exists as a separate policy and has close links with other school policies, namely drugs, alcohol and health and safety education.
- 1.2 This policy is linked to the healthy schools and extended schools programmes.
- 1.3 This policy is in line with legislation regarding smoke free premises. The Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974) requires that the school take reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public visiting the school premises. Further legislation from June 2007, will require all enclosed and substantially enclosed work and public places to be smoke free. This policy enables compliance with corporate and national requirements.
- 1.4 Smoking is associated with around 50 major illnesses including cancer, heart disease, stroke, bronchitis and emphysema as well as making smokers more susceptible to coughs, colds and flu. Smoking has also been found to have a major impact on pregnancy, the unborn child and young people.
- 1.5 In particular, second hand smoke is a killer and is still the largest preventable cause of death and disability in Britain today.
- 1.6 Second hand smoke can cause misery in the workplace for the non-smoking workforce, leading to increased costs to the school through sick pay, absenteeism, loss of productivity and potential litigation.
- 1.7 Children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of second hand smoking. Indeed, 17,000 children under the age of five are admitted to hospital every year in the UK with illnesses resulting from second hand smoking. The second hand smoke related illnesses affecting children include bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma and other respiratory problems.

Principles of the Policy

- 1.8 Beever Primary school recognises and fully accepts those responsibilities placed upon it by legislation to provide a working and learning environment where health and safety of the staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the public is of the utmost importance.
- 1.9 The purpose of the policy is to protect and improve the health, safety and wellbeing of all staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the public who visit Beever Primary school premises.
- 1.10 Beever Primary school recognises that both smoking and second hand smoke have harmful consequences and will be prohibited in all areas of the school.
- 1.11 Beever Primary school will place particular emphasis on raising awareness amongst pupils on the impact of smoking and second hand smoke, as part of the arrangements for the teaching of Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) and in line with statutory requirements of the science curriculum.
- 1.12 Beever Primary school recognises that smoking is an addiction and aims to provide a supportive environment for those wishing to overcome it. Employees, pupils and parents/carers will therefore be able to access free stop smoking advice and Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), if appropriate, with the Oldham NHS Stop Smoking Service.

2. Policy statement

- 2.1 With effect from **September 2014** complete prohibition on smoking in all parts of school premises will be applied.
- 2.2 Smoking will be prohibited in all access doorways, surrounding grounds, rest rooms, corridors and toilets.
- 2.3 Smoking will be prohibited in all Beever Primary school owned public buildings, including cafes, sports and recreational facilities.
- 2.4 No facilities will be provided for any smoker (i.e. staff, visitors and pupils) either inside or outside school premises.
- 2.5 Beever Primary school school employees who wish to smoke may only do so in their own time.
- 2.6 Senior management will not condone employees taking time off work in order to smoke.

Smoking at functions and events

- 2.7 Beever Primary school supports the Smoke Free Oldham campaign for smoke free public places.

- 2.8 As part of this process, Beever Primary school will make functions and events held within school premises smoke free. The school's tobacco control measures will be explained to any clients booking venues for functions.
- 2.9 In line with Beever Primary school aims of providing a supportive environment for those who wish to stop smoking, information about local stop smoking services will be made available.
- 2.10 This policy is in line with the corporate Oldham MBC policy and healthy schools programme.

3. Implementation and enforcement of the Policy

- 3.1 Members of the senior management team will be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of a smoke-free environment. Smoke Free Oldham can arrange for relevant training, coordination and support where required.
- 3.2 All job applicants will be made aware of the policy at the interview stage, and a requirement to abide by it will be part of the person specification for new jobs.
- 3.3 A copy of this policy will be included in induction packs for new starters.
- 3.4 Failure to abide by the policy will result in action being taken by the school's governing body.
- 3.5 Members of the public who breach the policy will be asked to leave the premises concerned.

4. Policy Review

- 4.1 A member of the senior management team will ensure that this Tobacco Control Policy will be reviewed no later than 1st September 2015

5. Details of smoking cessation services

Work is currently underway to develop support programmes for young people who wish to quit. The following details are of current providers.

The Oldham Stop Smoking Service can be contacted at:
Smoking Cessation Office 1,
First Floor
Southlink Business Park
Oldham
OL4 1DE
Telephone: 0161 621 5937

As alcohol and tobacco are often indicative factors of wider substance misuse, support is also available from the substance misuse team, Oasis@Connexions:

Oasis @ Connexions
Media Place
80 Union Street
Oldham OL1 1DT

Telephone: 0161 621 9600

For queries relating to Smoke Free Oldham contact Andrew Walsh, Public Health Coordinator, andrew.walsh@oldham.gov.uk.

Consultation Form

Your feedback is greatly appreciated in order for us to develop an effective strategy for young people. Please send your comments back to Andrew Walsh, Public Health Coordinator, West End House, West End Street, Oldham, OL9 6DW or email to andrew.walsh@oldham.gov.uk

No-Smoking Policy

1. Does your school already have a no smoking policy that applies to the whole site?
2. Is it effective?
3. How is it enforced?
4. Do you agree with the principles of this policy?
5. Would you require any training for staff in order to implement the policy effectively?

Education Material/Resource Pack?

6. Would it be useful if we developed a tobacco and smoking resource pack (in association with the curriculum requirements) for use in class.

Smoking Theatre (Secondary Schools)

7. Would your school be interested in hosting a session (Max 1-2 hours) by Oldham Theatre Workshop on smoking?
8. We are currently considering January/February, is that convenient?

Smoking Cessation

9. Would school staff be interested in receiving brief intervention/advisor training to assist delivery of the smoking cessation programme?
10. Would your school promote a smoking cessation programme?
11. Would your school make a room available for providing smoking cessation?

Any other comments