



*'Working together to achieve our best in a safe,
nurturing environment'*

Smoking/Vaping Policy

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For the purpose of this policy, the term “smoking” refers to the use of all tobacco products, e-cigarettes and vaping products.

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.

As it is a legal requirement, no smoking/vaping shall be permitted on the school property at anytime. This policy will be reviewed in the event of a change in relevant legislation. The following policy and guidelines co-ordinated by the Headteacher, in full consultation with the teaching, non-teaching staff and the Governing Body, forms a stand-alone policy for no smoking and vaping at Beever Primary School. It will be known to all staff, teaching and support staff, and to any new employees. All Visitors including parents will be made aware of the no Smoking and Vaping Policy. The staff of this school wish to provide a smoke free environment for everyone.

As a school we support the rights of children and these rights are encompassed in UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. This is reflected in this policy through Article 19: “You have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or mind”.

Policy

1.1 This policy exists as a separate policy and has close links with other school policies, namely PSHCE, drugs, alcohol and health and safety education. 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.

1.2 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. Currently, the long term affects of vaping are not known but early signs show that vaping is not risk free and does carry its own health implications.

1.3 In particular, second hand smoke is a killer and is still the largest preventable cause of death and disability in Britain today. 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.

1.4 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.

1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 Beever Primary school recognises that both smoking and second hand smoke have harmful consequences and will be prohibited in all areas of the school.

1.8 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 and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) and in line with statutory requirements of the science curriculum.

1.9 Beever Primary school recognises that smoking/vaping 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 Smoking and vaping is prohibited in all areas of the school premises.

2.2 No facilities will be provided for any smoker/vaper (i.e. staff, visitors and pupils) either inside or outside school premises.

2.3 Employees of Beever Primary school who wish to smoke/vape may only do so in their own time.

2.4 Senior management will not condone employees taking time off work in order to smoke/vape.

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.

3.2 A copy of this policy will be included in induction packs for new starters.

3.3 Failure to abide by the policy will result in action being taken by the school's governing body.

3.4 Members of the public who breach the policy will be asked to leave the premises.

4. Policy Review

4.1 A member of the senior management team will ensure that this No Smoking or Vaping Policy will be reviewed no later than January 2027.

5. Details of smoking cessation services

Contact Your Health Oldham on:

- Phone: 0161 9600255
- Text “Oldham” to 62277 for FREE and we will call you back

NHS

You can contact the NHS Stop Smoking Helpline on:

- Phone: 0800 169 0169

Pharmacy

Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer you advice and assistance on quitting smoking.

- [Find your local pharmacy](#) (NHS website)

Speak to your GP

Your GP may be able to prescribe you with medication that helps to reduce cravings. They can also refer you to the Community Stop Smoking Service for more support.

Greater Manchester Smoke Free App

Smoke Free is the most popular stop smoking app available.

The app offers support 24/7 and you will receive advice and support from a specialist quit coach, as well as being able to monitor your progress, health improvements and how much money you have saved.

Greater Manchester residents can get six months’ free access to the Pro version if they sign up at the Smoke Free App website ([Greater Manchester | SmokeFree \(smokefreeapp.com\)](#))