

*Winchelsea*



*All Individuals Matter*

**WINCHELSEA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**RUSKINGTON**

**NO SMOKING POLICY**

## **Part 1: Introduction**

At Winchelsea Primary School we believe that smoking is harmful to health and so we strongly discourage our children from smoking. Second-hand/passive smoking – breathing in other people’s tobacco smoke, has been shown to be harmful and the school acknowledges that it is both a public and workplace health hazard. Consequently, the school is a no smoking establishment.

## **Part 2: Aims and objectives**

### **We aim to:**

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of employees, pupils, parents and visitors;
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke;
- To comply with National Legislation, Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law;
- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general;
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop.

## **Part 3: Restrictions on smoking**

- 3.1** 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 the School. Smoking will not be tolerated at entrances and exits and is not permitted in any of the following areas, corridors, reception area, mobile classroom, toilets, meeting or staff rooms or other areas within the school building or grounds.
- 3.2** 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.
- 3.3** All persons leasing the school buildings must be made aware of the no smoking policy and are expected to abide by it. Failure to comply with the school’s policy will result in the termination of the leasing agreement.
- 3.4** Smoking is not permitted in any vehicles being used on School business.

## **Part 4: Staff**

- 4.1** We do not allow smoking on the school premises, as we do not want to present smoking as acceptable. Nor do we wish to present adult smokers as role models. Because of this, we do not allow smoking even in the staff room and if any member of

the staff wishes to smoke, s/he must leave the school site. Disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff fails to comply with this policy.

- 4.2** Any smoker requiring help and support in giving up smoking are encouraged to seek assistance from local health services.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Governors