



Smoke-Free Policy

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Policy Overview

The school has a duty of care to its employees, pupils and visitors to provide a safe and healthy environment. The policy identifies how Friezland 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. **The policy also refers to vaping and the use of e-cigarettes, the use of which is also prohibited on the school premises.**

1. Purpose and Principles of the Policy

- 1.1 This policy exists as a separate policy and has close links with other school policies, namely Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco (DAAT) and the Health and Safety policy.
- 1.2 This policy is in line with legislation regarding smoke free premises. The Health and Safety at Work etc Act (1974) requires that the schools take reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of employees and members of the public visiting the school premises. Further legislation from 2007, stated that all enclosed and substantially enclosed work and public places were to be smoke-free. This policy enables compliance with corporate and national requirements.
- 1.3 For the purpose of this policy smoking refers to tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaping.
- 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 the largest preventable cause of death and disability in Britain today.
- 1.6 Children are more susceptible than adults to the effects of second-hand smoke, for example bronchitis, pneumonia and asthma. Approximately 17,000 children under the age of five are admitted to hospital every year in the UK with illnesses resulting from second-hand smoke.
- 1.7 The purpose of the policy is to protect and improve the health, safety and wellbeing of staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the public who visit Friezland School premises. Friezland School recognises that both smoking and second-hand smoke have harmful consequences and will be prohibited in all areas of the school building and its grounds.
- 1.8 Friezland 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 Friezland School recognises that smoking is an addiction and aims to provide a supportive environment for those wishing to overcome it. Stop smoking services are available for both young people and adults from:

Oldham NHS Stop Smoking Service
0800 288 9008

NHS Smokefree
www.nhs.uk/smokefree

- 1.10 Smoking is prohibited in all access doorways, rest rooms, corridors, toilets and surrounding grounds.
- 1.11 No facilities will be provided for any smoker (i.e. staff, visitors and pupils) on school premises.
- 1.12 Friezland School employees who wish to smoke may only do so outside of the school premises either in their own time or on recognised breaks.

Smoking at functions and events

- 1.13 Friezland 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. Implementation and enforcement of the Policy

- 1.14 Members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) will be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of a smoke-free environment. Relevant training, coordination and support are available from Oldham's Stop Smoking Service where required.
- 1.15 A copy of this policy will be made available to all staff.
- 1.16 Members of the public who breach the policy will be asked to leave the premises with immediate effect.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed and revised every three years to meet any changes in government legislation and LA policy.