

MARISH

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Smoke-Free School Policy

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Introduction

Smoking is an addictive habit, generally acquired in childhood, and currently is the leading cause of preventable death in the United Kingdom. Around 78,000 people die from smoking with many more living with smoking-related illness. Smoking increases your risk of developing more than 50 serious health conditions. Some may be fatal and others may cause irreversible long-term damage. (NHS) This policy also extends to the use of E-Cigarettes which, although are far less harmful than cigarettes, still do contain dangerous chemicals.

School staff are important role models for pupils and Marish Academy Trust has a responsibility to promote healthy lifestyles. As part of its commitment to the Healthy Schools' programme, the Trust teaches pupils about the dangers of smoking and vaping and it is therefore important for both schools to provide an environment which complements and does not negate this teaching. The Trust also has a duty to protect the health of staff, pupils and visitors to the schools.

Objectives

1. To provide a smoke-free environment for everyone.
2. To protect non-smokers from exposure to second hand smoke.
3. To demonstrate the Trust's commitment to protecting the health of its staff, pupils and the community it serves.
4. To educate pupils and staff about the health risks of smoking, vaping and addiction.
5. To provide support for those who wish to stop smoking.
6. To effect savings through reduced fire risk, cleaning costs and insurance premiums.

Policy

Marish Academy Trust schools are smoke free environments as of 1st July 2007. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in any buildings or in the school grounds.

Pupils

- Pupils will be taught about the dangers of smoking and vaping in PSHE lessons and science lessons when appropriate.
- Parents will be informed immediately, if we discover their child is smoking or vaping or has been reported as smoking or vaping.
- Any pupil found smoking or vaping on either school premises will be temporarily excluded.

Staff

- Staff are not allowed to smoke or vape on either school premises or within a 200-metre exclusion zone around either school, in order to protect children in school or in the vicinity of the school, being exposed to the sight of role models as smokers.
- Staff and other accompanying adults are not allowed to smoke or vape in the presence or sight of pupils or parents whilst on school business. This includes trips outside school hours.

- Contravention of the no smoking rules will be regarded as a breach of discipline and the matter will be managed in accordance with the Trust's Disciplinary Policy.

Visitors to the schools

7. All visitors, including parents, governors and suppliers will not be permitted to smoke or vape on school premises and will also be requested to observe the exclusion zone that is mandatory within this policy for employed staff.

Those leasing or hiring the school premises

8. Persons using either school premises, for any purpose, at any time, will not be permitted to smoke or vape.

Implementation of the Policy

9. Members of staff will be given a copy of this policy, every time it is updated and as a part of induction.
10. Signs and notices shall be posted in prominent positions throughout the school to support a smoke-free environment.
11. This policy will be displayed on both schools' websites.
12. Staff wishing to stop smoking or vaping can access free advice, resources and support through the NHS Better Health Quit Smoking service: [NHS Better Health – Quit Smoking](#). Additional support may also be available through local NHS Stop Smoking Services

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