

Newcastle Nursery Schools' Federation



Newburn Manor Nursery School



Monkchester Road Nursery School



Ashfield Nursery School

No Smoking Policy

As a Federation of Nursery schools, we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our no-smoking policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

The schools have adopted the 'Smoke Free Newcastle' guidelines on the Control of Smoking in Council Work Premises, in order to minimise the risks to the health of employees, pupils and visitors to the school from passive smoking, to reduce the fire risk and lead by example.

Our no smoking policy seeks to contribute to a healthy working and learning environment for all the school users by eliminating the risk of passive smoking and promoting non-smoking as a positive, adult behaviour.

Who does it apply to?

The policy applies to everyone involved with the school community in any way including:-

- Staff & Pupils
- Parents
- Volunteers and Helpers
- Governors
- Visitors (incl. outside contractors working on-site)

Why Smoke Free?

Health and Safety. Under Health and Safety legislation the Governing Body have a duty to provide a safe environment. Tobacco smoke/vape smoke is harmful and therefore an environment contaminated with tobacco smoke could be regarded as unsafe.

Studies have shown that smoke is harmful to the health of smokers and non-smokers alike. This consideration applies to school premises and can be viewed as strong justification for creating a smoke free environment. We want to ensure our children are not subject to the effects of passive smoking.

Role Model. Staff in the school should act as role models to pupils and this is the reason our no smoking policy extends across the school premises, including the outdoor areas of our school sites. The Governing Body considers that smoking tobacco or using e cigarettes/ vaporisers on the site conveys a negative, detrimental image.

Restrictions on Smoking

Smoking including the use of E cigarettes/ vapes is not permitted on any part of our school premises at any time. This includes the school grounds.

We would also ask Parents/Carers to respectfully not smoke/vape in areas where children are gathering to line up before school – this may be in a car park or on pavement outside the school entrance.

We will remind anyone of the policy when an infringement occurs and if the policy is flouted the person will be asked to leave the school site.

Help for those who smoke

Whilst smoking on the school premises is considered an unacceptable practice the school does respect it is a personal choice but aims to support anyone who wants to stop smoking by offering help and advice, this may be signposting to local or national services.

- Newcastle Stop Smoking Service 0191 2691103
- NHS Smokefree