

# Chevening (St Botolph's) CE Primary School



## **No Smoking Policy**

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## Introduction

Our School Biblical vision is based on Matthew 13: 31-32:

***“The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”***

This Policy seeks to align with this vision, inspiring us to provide an excellent education for all children through being

- ***True to Christ and His teachings.***
- ***Known for kind and thoughtful actions and attitudes.***
- ***Inclusive in serving, sharing and showing God’s love to benefit all.***

At Chevening (St Botolph’s) CE Primary School, the health and welfare of all within our community are key priorities. We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being; in addition, it is a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will support on-going learning, achievement and the raising of standards.

It is important to us, that our policy and approach to smoking and the use of NCPs (nicotine containing products) and e-cigarettes (vaping) should reflect changing social attitudes, and actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drugs education.

In developing our policy on smoking, we have sought to:

- Build on our commitment to well-being for all members of the school community
- Reinforce our PSHE and drug education aims
- Reflect Kent County Council policy
- Meet DfE guidelines
- Comply with the law on smoking in public places

## Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of children, employees and visitors
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke, vapours and NCPs
- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and NCPs
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop

## Restrictions on Smoking

In accordance with law on smoking in public places, Chevening (St Botolph’s) CE Primary School does not allow smoking in any of its buildings; notices to this effect are displayed at entrances to the school.

It is the school’s policy not to allow vaping or the use of NCPs **inside** any buildings.

It is the school’s policy not to allow smoking, vaping or the use of NCPs **anywhere** on the school premises, including the playground, the field, the swimming pool and to discourage smoking, vaping and NCP’s around external entrances to the school site.

Smoking, vaping and the use of NCPs are not permitted in school vehicles or any vehicles being used on school business, nor at any off-site activities, or during educational and other visits.

The above applies to everyone involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Students
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site
- Anyone organising/attending an outside letting

As a school 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.

Anyone wishing to smoke, vape or use NCPs will need to do so away from the school site, remaining at a reasonable distance from school site entrances.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher to implement the school no smoking policy and to ensure that all staff are aware of policy and how to deal with any reported incidents.

The Head teacher reports to the governing body about the No Smoking Policy and its effectiveness on request. The Head Teacher ensures that all children, parents and visitors know that smoking or vaping is not allowed in school.

All staff takes the issue of smoking seriously. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking policy and to intervene where smoking is seen or reported. However they are not expected to enter into any confrontation, which may put their personal safety at risk. They keep their own records and report these to the Head teacher.

The Governing Body support the Head Teacher in all attempts to ban smoking or vaping within our school grounds. This policy statement makes it very clear that the governing body does not allow smoking to take place in our school.

The children are required to learn of the health risks associated with smoking and to understand that smoking, vaping and the use of NCPs are not allowed within our school.

### **Disciplinary Action**

Any persons who smokes on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, stop using their e cigarette/NCP and/ or leave the premises. Staff and pupils that breach the no smoking policy will be disciplined appropriately.

### **Monitoring and review**

The Head teacher, who reports to governors about the effectiveness of this policy on request, monitors this policy on a day-to-day basis. The policy will be reviewed by SLT bi-annually.