

MAPLE MEDICAL PRU

NO SMOKING POLICY

Aims

- To provide a smoke-free environment for staff, pupils, babies and visitors;
- To deliver health education to pupils on the dangers of smoking;
- To support pupils who wish to stop smoking by referring them to the School Nurse or Inclusion Manager for Smoking Cessation sessions

Rationale

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK
- Not Smoking during pregnancy is the single most important factor to improve babies' health outcomes, for example smoking contributes to premature births, low birth weight infants and short and long term health issues for babies.
- Passive smoking (breathing in other people's tobacco smoke) causes at least 1,000 people to die each year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer and heart disease as well as asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in babies.
- Passive smoking is a health and safety issue for staff, pupils, babies and visitors to the Centre
- Everyone has a right to a smoke-free environment
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society
- Pupils need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the Centre. The biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking (ASH, 2004)

No Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises, buildings and grounds or Hospital School and any outings and visits. This also applies to e-cigarettes.

Staff

Staff are recognised as role models for pupils and as such are required not to smoke in sight of pupils – which includes visits, social events and non-curricular activities. Staff should not smoke at the school gates.

Visitors

The No Smoking Policy applies to all visitors to Maple PRU sites, including suppliers, delivery persons, repairs staff, management committee, temporary staff and supply teachers.

Parents and Carers

The No Smoking Policy inside the Centre and the grounds also applies to parents and carers.

Communicating the Policy

The existence of the No Smoking Policy will be communicated in the following ways: -

- Staff will be informed of the No Smoking Policy at recruitment
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to inform visitors that the premises are smoke and vape free
- Staff members will inform visitors of the Policy when necessary
- Information will be included in the Parent Information Booklet and on the website to inform prospective pupils, parents and carers of the No Smoking Policy
- We will support the reasoning behind our no smoking policy through our drug education programme, the Health Champions Award, within PSHE, outside speakers, morning meetings and our parenting programmes.

Help with smoking cessation

Maple will support employees who wish to stop smoking by referral to the Smoke Cessation Service offered by Doncaster NHS Trust. The Inclusion Manager offers smoking cessation sessions with pupils on an individual basis as and when required.

Consultation

The No Smoking Policy has been written after consultation with staff and Management committee

Date of Policy: March 2021

Date of Review: March 2023

Signed

Head of Centre.....

Chair Management Committee.....