



Introduction

At Holy Name Primary School we believe that smoking is harmful to health and so we strongly discourage our children from smoking. Consequently, the school is a non-smoking establishment and complies with Liverpool Council's Policy of all council buildings and sites to be Non-Smoking Zones.

Rationale

Research shows that almost a quarter of young people are regular smokers by the age of 15. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. Smoking is the cause of many illnesses. Children can be harmed by passive smoking i.e. inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes. Smoking is harmful to unborn babies of mothers who smoke. For these reasons, Holy Name does all that it can to discourage children from smoking and to educate them to make a healthy choice not to smoke.

Aims and Objectives

We aim to:

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking and its harmful effect on the body.
- Provide children with the knowledge needed for them to make a responsible informed choice when it comes to smoking.
- Develop children's social skills to enable them to resist pressure from peer groups and society in general.

Organisation

- We teach children about the dangers of smoking as part of their personal social and health education programme. As well as teaching children about the effects of smoking on the body, they discuss why people smoke, and what to do in different situations which the children may encounter.

Discussions are to be held sensitively

- Children listen to the views of others, and relate to their own personal experiences.
- Children are informed to make their own educated decisions, knowing it is illegal to be sold cigarettes under the age of sixteen.
- Children address this area in science lessons and look closely at how smoking affects the body. This takes place in Key Stage 2.

Staff

- Holy Name is a non-smoking school. Adults are to be as role models to the children, thus any member of staff wishing to smoke, must leave the school site.



- Any staff member found to be smoking on the premises is in breach of their terms of employment.

Monitoring

The EHT / HoS ensures this policy is implemented.

Signs are posted on all playgrounds to state that this school is a “Non-smoking Zone.”

Local Authority posters are also displayed informing all that “Smoking is not allowed anywhere on this school site - Intelligently Smoke Free.”

CHILD PROTECTION / PUPILS AT RISK

All Staff are asked to be constantly alert for any signs of abuse to pupils.

If suspicions are aroused by signs of injuries of any kind, neglect, undue emotional disturbance or unusual behaviour, please refer the matter to the Headteacher immediately, who will then inform the School’s Child Protection Officer. **A DELAY IN RESPONDING COULD BE COSTLY**

Mr Neil Morris is the school’s Child Protection Officer. Staff will receive Training in Child Protection each year.