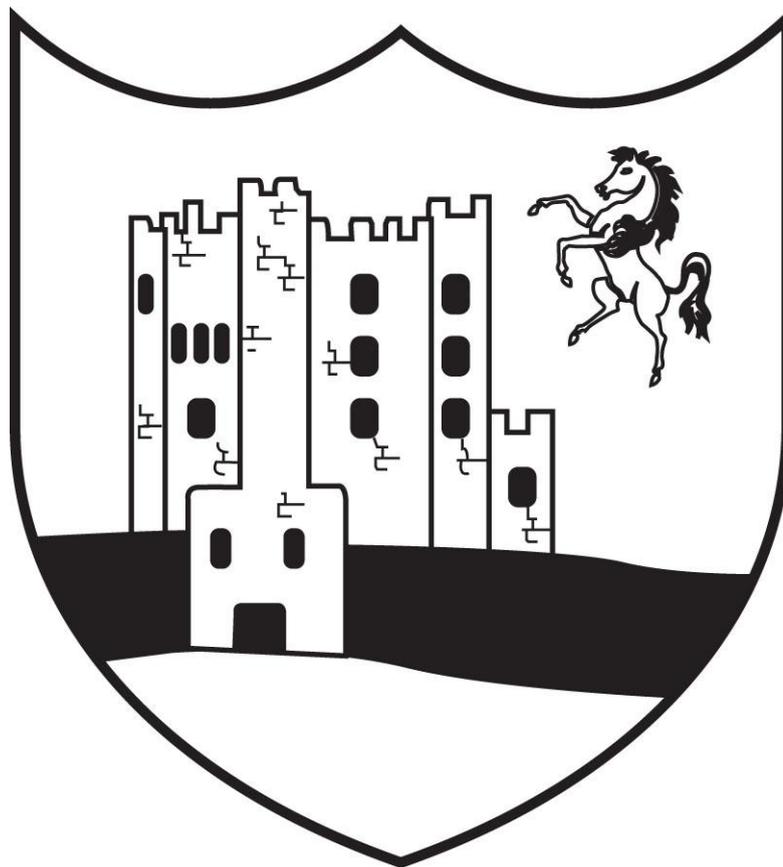


Balfour Infant School Smoking and Vaping Policy



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Next Review: May 2027

Aims

At Balfour Infant School, we value the health and welfare of all within our community as a key priority. We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being and is also a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will affect the raising of standards.

The aim of this policy is to ensure a whole-school approach to smoking /vaping in order to protect all members of the school community from the harm of second-hand smoke and to prevent the uptake of, and reduce the prevalence of, smoking/vaping across the school community.

- To provide a smoke free/vape free environment for the whole school community.
- To ensure that all staff promote positive attitudes and behaviour in relation to smoking and vaping.
- To ensure that staff have the knowledge and understanding of policies, procedures and agreed practice to support the implementation of the smoke free/vape free policy.
- To involve the wider school community in interventions to prevent the uptake of smoking/vaping in children and young people, by providing support for parents and carers through helping them to talk to their children about smoking/vaping and other risk-taking behaviours.
- To provide assistance for pupils, staff and other members of the school community who smoke/vape and wish to stop.
- To ensure that the school's smoke free/vape free policy is applied when children / young people are taken off site.

Providing a smoke free environment

Smoking will NOT be permitted (this includes e-cigarettes or vaping) in any part of the school premises. The school will also not permit smoking or vaping at any off-site activities, or during educational and other visits. We believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our no-smoking policy. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work.

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

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site

This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it. Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises. The smoking policy will apply to all activities held on school premises including those held during school hours and out of school hours. This includes all social and sporting events, and any meetings organised, which are attended by school employees as part of their work and /or visitors to such meetings/events.

Employees are not permitted to smoke/vape in the view of pupils. Employees who do smoke/vape will be asked to ensure they cannot be seen smoking/vaping by pupils.

Roles and Responsibilities

Head teacher

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 on school premises. The Head teacher will offer support links or materials to those employees who wish to stop smoking / vaping.

Staff

All staff takes the issue of smoking seriously. Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking policy and will 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.

Governing Body

The Governing Body support the Head teacher in all attempts to ban smoking or vaping within the school grounds.

Pupils

The children are required to learn about being healthy as part of the PSHE curriculum and to understand that smoking or vaping is not allowed within our school.

Other Related Policies /Guidance

Within the School this policy is linked to:

Drug and Alcohol Education Policy

Health and Safety Policy

Educational Visits Policy

Confidentiality Policy

Equality /Diversity Policy

Disciplinary Policy

PSHE Policy

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every two years, or sooner if required, by the Headteacher in consultation with staff, parents and Governors and revised where appropriate.

