Introduction

This school regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. It recognises that its staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. In light of the evidence that second hand smoke causes damage to health this policy has been implemented to:

- protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke
- acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke.

Rationale:

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.
- Passive smoking – breathing other people’s tobacco smoke is potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second hand smoke.
- Breathing in second hand smoke is a health and safety issue for all adults who work at the school.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

No Smoking Policy

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises – buildings and grounds. This also includes e-cigarettes.

Staff

Staff are recognised ‘role models’ and as such are required not to smoke in sight of the children. This will include school visits etc. and include teaching and non-teaching staff.
Visitors

The No Smoking Policy applies to all Visitors to the school (including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors).

Parents and Carers

It will be requested that Parents and Carers adhere to the No Smoking Policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds.

Communicating the Policy

The following arrangements have been made for informing all stakeholders of the policy’s existence:

- Staff will be informed of the No Smoking Policy at recruitment.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to inform visitors that the premises have a No Smoking Policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- Information will be included in the school prospectus to inform prospective Parents and Carers and Pupils of the No Smoking Policy.
- Existing Parents will be informed of the policy and invited to make comments before its adoption by the governing body and at the annual review.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed September 2019.