

SEAHOUSES MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMOKE FREE POLICY

Introduction

Seahouses Middle School recognises the fact that smoking can have an adverse effect on the health and safety of staff and pupils and realises the benefits of enforcing a Smoke Free Policy on the premises. In line with NCC recommendations, this policy applies to everyone who is on site at Seahouses Middle School.

It is a recognised fact that a Smoke Free Policy is of benefit to the health of staff and pupils alike and this policy has been developed in consultation with **staff, governors, parents and pupils**.

The school actively promotes health related benefiting policies and includes health related education as part of the whole school curriculum. Seahouses middle school has been a Smoke Free area for **5** years and new staff and visitors are made aware of the policy through clearly displayed signs in and around the building and through a statement in the school brochure.

This written policy was formulated during **January 2007** and presented to and passed by the governors in February 2007. The PSHE co-ordinator, Head and Governors have all been involved in the formulation of this policy. All staff have had the opportunity to comment upon its content.

Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill health and premature death.

This written policy is to be made available to all members of staff and visitors to raise awareness of the Smoke Free environment. **Seahouses Middle** school recognises the health benefits to all children and adults alike and it is acknowledged that it must be made clear to everyone that smoking is prohibited both inside and outside, anywhere on school premises.

The staff at Seahouses Middle actively promote children's self-esteem through all aspects of the curriculum so that when children are confronted with situations they are equipped with the necessary skills to enable them to make informed health choices. We will implement any new programmes

such as the DANSI and LEC programmes as and when they are available and relevant to our pupils. These programmes include drug education which includes the dangers of smoking. They will help us meet many of the aims and outcomes of the Every Child Matters document, including promoting healthy lifestyles.

Seahouses middle recognises the role that it has to play in being a health promoting establishment and it is important to provide health education so pupils can discuss with peers and adults various choices and their consequences. This in turn will lead them onto making informed choices about their actions and having the knowledge to recognise the consequences of these actions.

Aims and objectives

The aim of this policy is to make all people aware that **Seahouses Middle School** operates a Smoke Free Policy that is for the benefit of all staff and pupils on the premises. This policy is to inform everyone that smoking is not permitted in the school buildings or grounds by any person at any time. This includes staff, pupils, visitors and contractors. It also applies to adults accompanying pupils on school visits.

Implementation

The Head Teacher (and Deputy Head Teacher in H.T.'s absence) is responsible for policy implementation and monitoring. Signs in and around the building and grounds which are in line with the 2006 Health Act (July 2007 legislation) inform people about the policy and new staff will be made aware of the policy when taking up post. New parents are informed of the Smoke Free Policy through the schools brochure which is made available to them when they first visit the school as well as signs around school which also serve the purpose of informing all visitors of the policy. A copy of the policy is also available on the schools website. The policy was implemented from 1st July 2007

Breaches of Policy

Anyone found smoking will be immediately asked to cease. Further breaches will be brought to the attention of the governing body.

Seahouses Middle School will aim to support smokers wishing to stop smoking by giving them information about **SMOKING CESSATION**

SUPPORT. This is available through local health services. Further information can also be obtained from:

NHS Smoking Helpline 0800 169 0 169

ASH (Action on Smoking) 020 7739 5902

Local Cessation Support No: 01670 813135

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Head Teacher: J. Harris

Named Governor: S. Liddell