



# MARISH



## Academy Trust

# Smoke Free Schools Policy

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## Introduction

Smoking is an addictive habit, generally acquired in childhood, and currently is the leading cause of preventable death in the United Kingdom. Around 100,000 people die from a smoking-related disease every year. It is estimated that a further 11,000 people die every year as a result of exposure to second hand smoke.

School staff are important role models for pupils and Marish Academy Trust has a responsibility to promote healthy lifestyles. As part of its commitment to the Healthy Schools' programme, the Trust teaches pupils about the dangers of smoking and it is therefore important for both schools to provide an environment which complements and does not negate this teaching. The Trust also has a duty to protect the health of staff, pupils and visitors to the schools. This does also extend to the use of E-Cigarettes which, although are far less harmful than cigarettes, still do contain addictive and dangerous chemicals.

## Objectives

- To protect non-smokers from exposure to second hand smoke.
- To demonstrate the Trust's commitment to protecting the health of its staff, pupils and the community it serves.
- To educate pupils and staff about the health risks of smoking and addiction.
- To provide support for those who wish to stop smoking.
- To effect savings through reduced fire risk, cleaning costs and insurance premiums.

## Policy

Marish Academy Trust schools are smoke free environments as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007. Smoking is not permitted in any buildings or in the school grounds. This does also include the use of e-cigarettes.

## Pupils

- Pupils will be taught about the dangers of smoking in PSHCE lessons, circle time and science lessons when appropriate.
- Parents will be informed immediately, if we discover their child is smoking, using E-Cigarettes or has been reported as smoking or using E-Cigarettes.
- Any pupil found smoking on either school premises will be temporarily excluded.

## Staff

- Staff are not allowed to smoke on either school premises or within a 200 metre exclusion zone around either school, in order to protect children in school or in the vicinity of the school, being exposed to the sight of role models as smokers. This exclusion zone also applies to the use of E-Cigarettes to ensure that there is no confusion or mixed messages communicated to the children with regards to the dangers of smoking or nicotine.
- Staff and other accompanying adults are not allowed to smoke or use E-Cigarettes in the presence/sight of pupils or parents whilst on school business. This includes trips outside school hours.
- Contravention of the no smoking rules will be regarded as a breach of discipline and the matter will be pursued through the normal disciplinary procedures.

### **Visitors to the schools**

- All visitors, including parents, governors and suppliers will not be permitted to smoke or use E-Cigarettes on school premises and will also be requested to observe the exclusion zone that is mandatory within this policy for employed staff.

### **Those leasing or hiring the school premises**

- Persons using either school premises, for any purpose, at any time, will not be permitted to smoke or use E-Cigarettes.

### **Implementation of the Policy**

- Members of staff will be given a copy of this policy, every time it is updated and as a part of induction.
- Signs and notices shall be posted at entrances and exits to both school grounds and buildings and in prominent positions throughout the school.
- This policy will be displayed on both schools' websites.

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