



THE HESSE FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS



NO SMOKING POLICY

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Purpose

This policy defines the Federation's position in relation to smoking. It is for the entire Federation community to be involved in implementing and working with it.

The three sites of the Hesse Federation are no-smoking environments and actively encourage healthy lifestyle choices in accordance with the ECM agenda.

Rationale

As a Federation we promote the physical and emotional well being of our school and local community. Therefore, as a result of the damaging effects of both active and passive smoking, smoking is prohibited anywhere on the grounds of the Hesse Federation of Schools sites.

Organisational

- All areas of both schools are designated no-smoking.
- All visitors to the schools are informed via visual signs and written information that the school is a no-smoking environment.
- All supply teachers are informed in writing that the school is a no-smoking environment.
- All candidate information regarding the appointment of new staff members highlights the school as a no-smoking environment.
- Smoke alarms are fitted in student areas of the school where smoking is likely to occur.
- At Hesse High School staff duties are allocated to limit the opportunities open to students who may wish to smoke.

Curriculum

We aim to educate students / pupils by raising their awareness of the dangers of active and passive smoking.

HHS

- Year 7 Personal Safety Day - outlines issues associated with a variety of lifestyle choices
- Year 8 PSHEE Curriculum - smoking is taught as a discrete unit of work
- Year 9 PSHEE Curriculum - the drugs education programme includes work on nicotine
- KS3 and 4 Science Curriculum.

PPS

- Healthy lifestyle choices are taught regularly through the theme.

In addition to the taught curriculum 'Health Drop-ins' are run weekly at the High School where students receive advice and personal support for a range of health issues.

Action

Should students be caught smoking on site a letter will be sent home to parents and will be dealt with in a fair and consistent manner by the pastoral team. All members of the school community are empowered to challenge individuals not behaving in line with the school community.

It is considered by the Governing Body of the Hessle Federation to be a disciplinary action if caught, at any time, smoking on either of the three sites.