



The Hessle Academy No Smoking Policy

Effective Date:

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Review Committee:

Board of Directors

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March 2019

Purpose

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

The sites of The Hessle Academy are no-smoking environments and actively encourage healthy lifestyle choices in accordance with the ECM agenda our aim to promote health and well-being of staff, students and parents.

Rationale

As an Academy 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 or the immediate surroundings of the Academy Schools sites. This policy covers both nicotine and other substances which can be smoked.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Academy's Drugs Policy.

Organisational

- all areas of both schools and the immediate area are designated no-smoking
- this no smoking policy applies equally to electronic cigarettes
- all visitors to the schools are informed via visual signs and written information 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 Hessle 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 Healthy Lifestyles - outlines issues associated with a variety of lifestyle choices
- Year 7 Citizenship Curriculum – smoking is taught as a discrete unit
- Year 8 Citizenship Curriculum - smoking is taught as a discrete unit
- Year 10 Citizenship 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 by the school nurse at the High School where students receive advice and personal support for a range of health issues. Students can also seek support from the Integrated Youth Provision through the Generic Advisors. We are also able to make referrals to the smoking cessation team via health professionals and substance misuse workers.

Action

Should students/pupils be caught smoking on site, or the immediate surroundings of the Schools, a letter will be sent home to parents and will be dealt with in a fair and consistent manner by the Student Support Team. All members of the school community are empowered to challenge individuals not behaving in line with the school community values and policies.

For staff it is considered by the Board of Governors of The Hessle Academy to be a disciplinary offence if caught, at any time, smoking on any of the Academy sites. All staff and other stakeholders are expected to lead by example.