

# **HIGH CLOSE SCHOOL POLICY & PROCEDURE**

## **SMOKING POLICY (35)**

**(Reviewed and revised January 2010)**

Healthy Schools

Personal, Social & Health Education  
Theme 1.6

School Improvement Plan

2a, 2b, 2c, 4a, 4d, 4e, 4f, 6a and 7c

Ofsted Self-evaluation

National Minimum Care Standards



# HIGH CLOSE SCHOOL

*‘ Working together to unlock potential ’*

## MISSION STATEMENT

**“ High Close School, inspired by the unique worth of every individual, strives to create opportunities to achieve full potential through the pursuit of excellence in both academic and social education ”**

The Leadership of the school will facilitate the realisation of the school’s Mission through the following aims:

## AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

1. To deliver an enjoyable, stimulating and differentiated curriculum, which encourages every pupil to achieve to their highest level both academically and socially. (ECM3)
2. To provide a caring environment in which pupils feel safe and learn to make healthy choices about their style of life. (ECM1&2)
3. To develop pupils’ awareness of moral, social, cultural and spiritual values so that they can make a positive contribution to the community. (ECM4)
4. To prepare pupils to become independent, responsible citizens. (ECM5)
5. To work in partnership with parents, carers and other stakeholders to ensure pupils are given every opportunity to achieve their full potential. (ECM3)
6. To ensure a well managed school in which the school’s resource needs, and staff development needs, are met.

**(ECM – Every Child Matters)**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Smoking is the main cause of preventable illness and premature death in the UK, killing over 120,000 people a year. It is a major cause of cancer, heart disease and chronic obstructive lung disease. It is also the single most significant casual factor for the socio-economic difference in the incidence of cancer and heart disease.

Smoking in pregnancy can cause increased risk of miscarriage, stillbirth and low birth weight. Second-hand smoking is also known to be the cause of Sudden Death Syndrome and childhood respiratory disease. Giving up smoking is the most effective action anyone can take to protect their own health, their child's and, if they are pregnant, their baby's health, too.

The school recognises that for many people smoking is a part of their lifestyle and culture. This policy seeks neither to condone or condemn smoking but to ensure that procedures and practices are established which will:

- Support the health and safety of all school members
- Encourage professional responsibility
- Provide a safe learning environment

At High Close School, young people are not allowed to smoke. High Close School is a No Smoking environment. All buildings on campus are No Smoking areas.

In the event of staff discovering a young person smoking, they have a duty to work with that young person to help them understand the health risks and possible consequences for their future.

## **STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Staff who smoke, are expected to smoke in designated areas only, at times agreed with their managers and never in front of young people. When off campus with young people, staff are not permitted to smoke in their vision.
- Staff who smoke, must ensure that the environment is kept clean and evidence of smoking removed.
- Staff should discourage young people from smoking, and actively support them in their endeavours to give up. Young people found smoking should be challenged by all staff.
- Staff should treat very seriously any young person caught smoking or supplying any material connected with smoking to any other young person. In these cases, sanctions should be applied as appropriate.
- Staff must adhere to the Fire Safety Risk Assessment and Unit/School Risk Assessments regarding smoking.

- Staff are responsible for ensuring Visitors follow the smoking policy.

Staff must not:

- Provide any cigarettes, matches or lighters to pupils.
- Smoke in any Barnardos vehicle at any time or allow anyone else to do so.
- Smoke where they may be seen by young people.
- Give money, at any time, to young people to purchase cigarettes.
- Leave cigarettes, lighters lying around where young people could access them.

In addition, staff should refer to the High Close School [Staff Code of Conduct](#) Staff should refer to Barnardo's [Smoking Policy](#) and [Health and Safety Guidance](#).

## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

Whilst in the care of school staff – young people do not have permission to smoke at High Close School whether on or off campus.

- Young people who have an addiction to nicotine and who “need” to smoke should be identified on their first day visit to the school and the school's No Smoking Policy should be clearly explained to them.
- Education and support should be given to the young person while they are at school to help them stop.
- If appropriate, young people can be referred to the Substance Misuse Coordinator for support
- Smoking will be discussed at the young person's Admission and Placement Meetings and incorporated into their Individual Health Plans and into PSHME work undertaken once at school.
- The Individual Health Plan and any issues regarding smoking will be addressed at the young person's Annual Review and their 6 Monthly Planning Meeting.
- Where necessary, staff will take advice from the School General Practitioner.
- Staff will actively work with parents/carers to help young people stop smoking.

### **Young People that smoke:**

- Any young person caught smoking or with smokers must at all times be challenged by staff.
- Persistent smokers should have the serious consequences of smoking explained to them and sanctions should be applied where appropriate.
- All staff should access relevant resources to support in the education of young people regarding the dangers to health from smoking and utilise these appropriately.

- All confiscated cigarettes or materials used for smoking may be destroyed.
- In the event of a pupil found smoking, parents will be informed where appropriate.
- External resources will be identified and utilised as appropriate to provide additional education and support to young people.

### **VISITORS TO HIGH CLOSE SCHOOL**

- Visitors are expected to follow the policy and only smoke in agreed, designated areas where they will not be seen by young people.

### **REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it continues to meet the general principle of working towards High Close School becoming a non-smoking environment.

Approved by Governors:.....

Date:.....