BRYN CELYNNOG
Comprehensive School
Nurturing Success

NO SMOKING POLICY

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NOTE: ALL REFERENCES TO 'SMOKING' IN THIS POLICY INCLUDES VAPING, WHICH POSES SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISKS.

THE SCHOOL AIMS TO BE FULLY COMPLIANT WITH THE WELSH GOVERNMENT 'SMOKE FREE' GUIDANCE, BROUGHT INTO FORCE ON 1st MARCH 2021.

PHILOSOPHY

Bryn Celynnog Comprehensive School regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. It recognises that staff act as role models for students in all aspects of school life, including health promotion.

PRINCIPLES

In light of the current law against smoking, and evidence that tobacco smoke causes damage to the health of smokers and also non-smokers, this policy aims to:

- ensure that smoking does not take place on school premises, nor on authorised school activities off-site;
- protect the staff, students and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke;
- acknowledge the educational role of the school in discouraging students from starting to smoke; and
- help smokers to quit the habit.

Rationale

- smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society;
- passive smoking – breathing other people's tobacco smoke – is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers. Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second-hand smoke;
- breathing in second-hand smoke is a health and safety issue for all adults who work at the school;
- everyone has the right to breathe clean air;
- schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society;
- our students need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

PROCEDURES

a) No Smoking policy

- Smoking is not allowed on the school premises (building and playgrounds); it is requested that pupils and staff do not smoke immediately outside the gates of the school.

- No smoking notices, clearly visible to visitors, are placed in areas designated by the head.

b) Staff

- Staff are recognised role models and as such are required not to smoke in sight of students at any time when on school business. This will include visits/off-site activities.

c) Visitors

- The No Smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school (including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors).

- The policy will be drawn to visitors' attention through arrangements made by the Headteacher, including clearly visible notices in the Reception areas.

d) Parents and carers

- Parents and carers must also adhere to the No Smoking policy and refrain from smoking on the school premises.

e) Students

- School students of any age are not allowed to smoke either on the school premises or on authorised off-site activities.

- Staff are expected to rigorously enforce this policy.

- The Headteacher will ensure that education in the dire effects of smoking and how to avoid them form part of the health education programme.

f) Communicating the policy

The following arrangements will be made for informing people of the policy's existence:

- staff are informed of the No Smoking policy at the recruitment stage;

- clearly-worded signs are sited to inform visitors that the premises are No Smoking;

- staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary or appropriate;

g) Responsibilities

The governing body is responsible for ensuring and monitoring of the implementation of the policy in the school.

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- the implementation of the policy;
- ensuring that anti-smoking education forms part of the health education programme;
- ensuring that staff, parents, students and visitors know the policy.

All staff are responsible for ensuring that the no smoking rule is obeyed.

PERFORMANCE

This policy will be monitored by the Monitoring Committee of the governing body, as appropriate.

The Monitoring Committee will review the policy every year or in the light of new external advice or guidance.