



Safeguarding children

1.18 No smoking or vaping: policy and procedures

We are committed to promoting children's health and well-being. This is of the upmost importance for the nursery.

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes has proved to be a health risk and therefore in accordance with legislation, the nursery operates a strict no smoking / vaping policy within its buildings and grounds. It is illegal to smoke / vape in enclosed places.

All persons must abstain from smoking / vaping while on the premises. This applies to staff, parents, carers, contractors and any other visitors to the premises.

Staff accompanying children outside the nursery are not permitted to smoke / vape. We also request that any parents accompanying nursery children on outings refrain from smoking / vaping while caring for the children.

Staff must not smoke / vape while wearing any clothing / lanyards that identify them as a School House Nursery employee as it is essential that staff are positive role models to children and promote a healthy lifestyle.

If staff choose to smoke / vape during lunchbreak, they are asked to change into their own clothing and smoke / vape well away from the main entrance and nursery premises. They should also make every effort to reduce the lingering smell of smoke on themselves and their clothes by washing hands, freshening their breath etc.

While we respect that smoking / vaping is a personal choice, as an organisation we support healthy lifestyles. We follow UK Health Security Agency advice and would encourage staff and parents to stop smoking / vaping by consulting:

- Information provided by local help groups.
- The NHS quit smoking helpline (www.smokefree.nhs.uk)

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