

Parkside Playgroup

53. No smoking/ Vaping

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in making our setting a no-smoking environment - both indoors and outdoors. This policy applies to anything that can be smoked, including cigarettes, pipes (including water pipes such as shisha and hookah pipes), cigars and herbal cigarettes, and it also applies to electronic cigarettes (also known as e-cigarettes).

The policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the Nursery premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

Procedures

- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our No-smoking/ Vaping Policy.
- No-smoking signs are displayed.
- The No-smoking/ Vaping Policy is stated in information for parents.
- Staff who smoke/ vape during working hours and travelling to and from work must not do so whilst wearing a setting uniform or must at least cover the uniform.
- E-cigarettes are not permitted to be used on the premises.
- Staff who smoke/ vape or use e-cigarettes during their scheduled breaks go well away from the premises.
- Staff who smoke/ vape during their break make every effort to reduce the effects of odour and passive smoking for children and colleagues.
- Smoking/ vaping is not permitted in any vehicles belonging to the setting.
- Smoking/ vaping on off-site visits or trips is not permitted.
- Staff are made aware that failure to adhere to this policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.
- It is a criminal offence for employees to smoke in smoke-free areas, with a fixed penalty of £50 or prosecution and a fine of up to £200.

Legal framework

- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations (2006)

The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations (2012)

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Parkside Playgroup

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

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Role of signatory

Chairperson