



Mendip Edge Federation

Non-Smoking Policy

The Mendip Edge Federation operates a Smoke Free Policy in our schools and all activities associated with our Federation.

Introduction

This policy has been devised in consultation with staff, governors, FPTA, parents/carers and pupils. The Somerset Stop Smoking Services and the Smoke Free Somerset Alliance support the policy.

Rationale

- Smoking is a harmful and costly practice.
- People are also harmed by second hand smoke.
- Schools have a role to play in working towards a smoke free society.
- All young people need to receive clear, consistent messages about the dangers of smoking.

Aims

Our Federation of Schools aims to:-

- be a health promoting organisation.
- protect staff, young people and visitors from the effects of smoking.
- raise awareness of the dangers of smoking through the Personal, Social and Health Education Programme.

Content

- The Mendip Edge Federation has banned smoking in all workplaces.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises, building or grounds (including exits to the site and in vehicles).
- This applies to teaching and non teaching staff, pupils, visitors and contractors and includes visits/school trips and out of hours activities.
- Schools will ensure smoking related topics are part of the curriculum.
- This policy also applies to non-tobacco forms of smoking such as E-cigarettes.

Date Policy Written:

November 2006

Date Policy Reviewed:

March 2016

Date of Next Review:

March 2018

Communicating the policy Staff will be informed of the policy by headteachers.
New staff will be informed as part of the induction process.

- Help will always be provided to those pupils who want advice to avoid smoking.
- If a student is caught smoking action in line with Behaviour Policy will be applied.

Monitoring and evaluation

- This policy is available to view on request.
- The monitoring will be carried out through three-yearly review.
- Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Head Teachers.