

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Promoting health and hygiene

1.20 No-smoking

Policy statement for St Joseph's Pre-school

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Welfare Requirements of the Statutory Framework for the Early Foundation Stage (EYFS) in making our setting a no-smoking environment - both indoor and outdoor. Thus enabling us to satisfy our "Duty of Care" requirements¹.

Vaping and e-cigarettes are also not permitted to be used in the Pre-school² or in the surrounding area which is within the jurisdiction of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School.

Procedures

We have designated all the premises within the confines of the Pre-school setting a smoke free area. No one is permitted to smoke at any time on St Joseph's Pre-school and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School premises or in the outdoor area, including the car park and field area, at any time.

- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our no-smoking policy.
- We display no-smoking signs.
- The no-smoking policy is stated in our information brochure for parents.
- Staff who smoke do not do so during working hours. Unless on a break and off the premises.
- Staff who smoke during their break make every effort to reduce the effect of the odour and lingering effects of passive smoking for children and colleagues, and ensure that their hands are washed before caring for any child.

Legal framework

- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006
- The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2007
- Statutory Framework for the Early Foundation Stage (EYFS) (latest version)

Further Guidance

- HSE: [Advice on smoking at work \(hse.gov.uk\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/smoking-at-work/)

Associated Policies and Procedures

- 2.1.1 Disciplinary
- 3.2 Health and Safety General Standards

¹ See EYFS paragraph 3.90 ('Other Legal Duties')

² See EYFS paragraph 3.22 ('Smoking and Vaping')

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