

Ashgrove Primary School

Policy
on
Smoking

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Rationale

Ashgrove Primary School adopts the principles and practices of the North-Eastern Education and Library Board (NEELB) policy, which is committed to the active promotion and achievement of a smoke-free working environment for all its employees, consistent with the objective of health protection and promotion within an educational setting. The NEELB policy has been developed in consultation with teachers' unions.

Objectives

The main objectives of this policy are:

- to protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace;
- to demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff; and
- to provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.

Procedure

Ashgrove Primary School will become an official non-smoking environment as from 2 November 2004.

All staff - teaching, auxiliary, ancillary, peripatetic, support and volunteers, as well as pupils, parents and other visitors are prohibited from smoking while on school premises. This prohibition will also apply during school-related activities undertaken outside school premises, eg educational visits.

In line with NEELB advice, failure to comply with the provisions of the policy will be dealt with through the disciplinary procedures.

The school smoking policy will remain in operation when the premises are used for purposes other than school-related activities.

Review

This policy will be reviewed annually.