

Mrs Bonds Village Nursery No Smoking Policy

Policy Aim: To Ensure children are kept safe from the risk of smoking and that staff are supported the decision to quit smoking.

Children's health and well-being is of the utmost importance for the nursery. Smoking has proved to be a health risk and therefore in accordance with legislation, the nursery operates a strict no smoking policy within its buildings and grounds. This also applies to E-cigarettes/Vapes.

It is illegal to smoke in enclosed places.

You are respectfully required to abstain from smoking whilst on the premises. This rule applies to staff, students, parents, carers, visitors, contractors etc.

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

Staff must not smoke whilst wearing nursery uniform as it is essential that staff are positive role models to children and promote a healthy lifestyle. If a member of staff smells strongly of Cigarette smoke they will be asked to change their clothes. Clothes should be removed or well covered with outdoor clothing to stop cigarette smoke lingering on clothes which are worn in close contact with children.

On returning to the Centre staff must wash their hands - staff must not touch or interact with children until they have done so.

We respect that it is a personal choice to smoke, although as an organisation we support healthy lifestyles and therefore help staff and parents to stop smoking by:

- Providing factsheets and leaflets
- Providing information of local help groups
- Providing details of the NHS quit smoking helpline - www.smokefree.nhs.uk
- Offering information regarding products that are available to help stop smoking
- Offering in-house support.

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