

# Smoke Free School Policy



"Live as free people"

## St Peter's Community School

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## **Purpose**

Second-hand smoke, also known as environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) or passive smoke is a cause of disease, including lung cancer and heart disease, in third parties. Neither the simple separation of smokers and non-smokers within the same air space, nor the provision of ventilation can eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke and the consequent health effects of such exposure.

This policy has been developed to:

- Protect all students, staff, parents/guardians, service users and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke.
- Ensure compliance with legal obligations
- Ensure a safe working environment.

## **Policy**

It is the policy of St. Peter's that all of its premises are smoke/vape free and that all pupils and employees have a right to learn and work in a smoke/vape free environment. Smoking/vaping is prohibited throughout the school building and school grounds without exceptions. This policy applies to all students, staff, parents/guardians, consultants, contractors and visitors.

## **Implementation**

Overall responsibility for policy implementation rests with the Principal or other person for the time being in charge of the school. All students and staff have an obligation to adhere to and facilitate the implementation of this policy.

The Principal shall inform all students, staff, parents/guardians, consultants and contractors of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. All new and prospective students, staff, parents/guardians, consultants and contractors shall be given a copy on recruitment/induction by the school.

## **Policy Regarding Infringements**

Infringements by students or staff will be dealt with, in the first instance, under the respective disciplinary procedures for students and staff. *Procedures for students regarding infringement will generally result in automatic suspension from school.* Students, staff, parents/guardians, consultants, contractors and visitors who contravene the law prohibiting smoking in the workplace are also liable to prosecution.

## **Smoking Cessation**

Information on how to obtain help quitting smoking is available from:

- The National Smoker's Quitline on callsave 1850 201203
- The Health Promotion Department of the local Health Boards.

For further work place information contact:

- The Office of Tobacco Control, Principal Environmental Health Officer at your local Health Board.
- Log onto [www.smokefreeatwork.ie](http://www.smokefreeatwork.ie)