

# VAPING POLICY for SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES

This model policy will apply to both teaching and non-teaching staff and has been agreed with the following recognised unions: NEU, NAHT, NASUWT, ASCL, Unison, GMB and Unite



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### **Introduction**

1. The policy outlines the procedure for vaping in schools and academies.

### **Scope**

#### **Who is included in these arrangements?**

2. This policy applies to all employees of Pitton Primary School.
3. The policy also applies to volunteers, parents, guardians, members of the public and visitors to Pitton Primary School.
4. Agency staff and contractors should be made aware of the policy and abide by the vaping arrangements.

#### **When does it not apply?**

5. The vaping policy is separate to the school policy on smoking.

#### **Vaping on the school site**

6. Vaping is not permitted:
  - in any school building
  - in school grounds – unless a designated area is agreed by the headteacher
  - whilst on school visits and residential trips

#### **Areas for vaping**

7. As vaping and the use of e-cigarettes is recognised as a method to stop smoking it is at the headteacher's discretion to allocate an area for vaping.
8. If there is a designated area for vaping it must be away from the view of the children and members of the public and away from school entrances and windows.
9. Vaping must not take place during paid work time.
10. If staff leave the school site to vape this is only permitted during normal authorised rest breaks.
11. Vaping must not take place in a location that will cause reputational damage to the school.

#### **Privately owned vehicles**

12. Any member of staff who uses their own private vehicle for school purposes and transports students or colleagues must refrain from vaping whilst on duty.

### **General points**

14. Information and advice on smoking cessation for employees is available from the NHS Stop Smoking Services on the website [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/smoking/Pages/NHS-stop-smoking-adviser.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/smoking/Pages/NHS-stop-smoking-adviser.aspx)

### **Legislation**

Health Act 2006

The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006

The Smoke-free (Exemptions and Vehicles) Regulations 2007

The Smoke-free (Vehicle Operators and Penalty Notices) Regulations 2007

#### **VAPING POLICY**

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