

YSGOL RHIWABON

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SMOKEFREE POLICY

This policy was adopted/updated by the Governing Body on:

Signed: _____ Chair of Governors

Date: _____

The policy will be reviewed: **3 YEARLY**

Introduction

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill health in our society and passive smoking has been shown to cause lung cancer and other serious illnesses in non-smokers.

A Smokefree school reinforces our commitment to the Wrexham Healthy Schools Scheme's ethos of adopting a whole school approach to smoking issues and reinforcing messages learnt in the classroom.

The Smokefree environment at Ysgol Rhiwabon is in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government legislation and Wrexham County Borough Council's Smoke-free Policy Guidance (2006).

Implementation

The Headteacher and Governing Body have ultimate responsibility for the implementation of the Smokefree Policy.

At Ysgol Rhiwabon, the member of staff with responsibility for the Smokefree Policy is the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator.

The school Governors will review this Policy in line with the Policy review cycle. Governors may also be involved in disciplinary proceedings as and when required.

Aim

To provide a Smokefree environment that protects and promotes the health and well-being of the entire school community.

Definition of Smokefree

The school will:

- Not permit smoking (including e-cigarettes or similar devices) in any part of the premises, entrances or grounds by any person regardless of their status or business with the school.
- Raise awareness of the risks of smoking to pupils using the schools PSE programme.
- Participate in Welsh Assembly Government initiatives to promote non-smoking.
- Advise contractors and other workers within the school's premises of the Smokefree Policy
- Ensure that organisations/individuals using school facilities agree to comply with the Smokefree Policy during the school day.
- Provide new members of staff with a copy of the Policy.
- Support staff who want to quit smoking by providing relevant information including the Help me Quit Helpline number in the staffroom (0800 085 2219).
- Provide information and advice to parents as required
- Inform parents of new pupils of the school's Smokefree Policy

Policy Elements

Curriculum

Effective Substance Misuse Education including smoking will enable children and young people at Ysgol Rhiwabon to make responsible informed choices about their lives. It will not be delivered in isolation; this will reflect the approach within the Personal and Social Education (PSE) Framework for Wales, which underpins this Policy.

Key Stage	PSE Framework	Wales National Curriculum Science Order
Foundation Phase	Understand that medicines are taken to make them better, but that some drugs are dangerous	Pupils should be taught about the role of drugs as medicines
2	Know the harmful effects, both to themselves and others of tobacco, alcohol, solvents and other legal and illegal substances	Pupils should be taught that tobacco and other drugs can have harmful effects
3	Know the effects of and risks from use of a range of legal and illegal drugs (including alcohol and tobacco) and the laws governing their use	Pupils should be taught that the abuse of alcohol, and other drugs affect health
4	Know the pattern of drug use (including alcohol and tobacco) in their community and beyond and where to get help, information and advice	Pupils should be taught the dangers of contracting HIV and hepatitis by the use of intravenous drugs.

Delivery

Largely, education about Substance Misuse will take place in PSE and Science lessons but will also be delivered through other subjects including English, Welsh and Drama.

At Ysgol Rhiwabon, pupils will learn about the risks of smoking using approaches that provide:

- Consistent accurate information presented simply and clearly
- Informative and accessible reading material
- Access to peers and credible adult experts, in addition to teachers/youth workers.
- Stimulating and enjoyable tasks
- Appropriate challenges in an atmosphere, where they feel secure enough to play a full and active part.

Use of outside Speakers

Where people from external agencies are invited into the school they are 'visitors' and will be seen as contributing to the school's agreed programme and not replacing it. Visitors will be involved in the planning of the full programme and contribute their specific expertise where required e.g. Police School Liaison Officer, Youth Worker, Healthy Schools.

Procedures for dealing with an incident

Staff who become aware of incidents involving pupils and smoking will take appropriate action. The response will depend on the type and degree of risk, with some situations requiring

immediate action. However pupils caught smoking on site should be placed in break or lunchtime detention in the first instance.

Pupils and staff who disregard the policy will be disciplined according the school's disciplinary procedure. Lead Learners will monitor pupils who offend.

Immediate action is needed when there is a clear risk to safety, for example:

Example	Action
<i>Tobacco is being supplied on, or near premises to underage pupils.</i>	Contact police
<i>Pupils in possession of tobacco</i>	Tobacco confiscated and contact parents

Specialist agencies made available to support smoking cessation programmes

Recording of Incidents

At Ysgol Rhiwabon, the system for recording an incident must include accurate factual records of all tobacco and related incidents using the usual disciplinary procedures, including referrals, detention records and letters home.

The Records of serious incidents and interviews will be signed and dated by a member of staff/Police.

Out of School Procedures

The school has no role in dealing with tobacco incidents outside school hours and premises.

On educational trips, including residential visits, the school's Smokefree policy will apply.

Procedure for Dealing with Incidents Involving Staff

Tobacco related incidents involving staff is subject to Wrexham County Borough Council's Employment and Disciplinary Policy and Procedures.

Supply of tobacco to pupils in school or on school visits is potentially gross professional misconduct and would normally be reported to the General Teaching Council for Wales.

Child Protection

It may be necessary to invoke local Child Protection Procedures if a pupil's safety or welfare (or that of another pupil) is under threat:

- Where there are child protection issues
- Where a life is in danger

Confidentiality

It may be necessary to evoke the school's Child Protection Policy if the child's safety, or that of others, is in danger.

Support

We will offer support to pupils wishing to stop smoking through one to one support about the effects of smoking and refer to (e.g. school nurse) for support. We will also consult with professional agencies when the pupil is willing to stop and take advice.