



Smoke-free policy for Knocknagoney Primary School

Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all employees, service users, visitors and most importantly children from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Smoking (Northern Ireland) order 2006.

Exposure to second-hand smoke, also known as passive smoking, increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not prevent exposure to tobacco smoke.

Policy

It is the policy of **the Board of Governors of Knocknagoney Primary School** that all of our workplace is smoke-free and all children and employees have a right to work in a smoke-free environment. The policy shall come into effect from **October 2011** and be reviewed **bi-annually by the Board of Governors**.

Smoking is prohibited throughout the school building, playgrounds and car parks with no exceptions. This policy applies to all employees, consultants, contractors, customers or members and visitors.

Smoking is only permitted within the designated smoking area. Please ask Mrs Spratt at the office for the location of this area if required.

Help to stop smoking

The Smokers' Helpline on 0800 85 85 85 is a freephone service, which provides friendly advice and support to smokers about stopping smoking. If you want to talk to someone face-to-face, ask your GP practice or local pharmacy where you can get general advice on nicotine replacement therapy and non-nicotine treatments.

We welcome your support in this matter. We have taken this decision as it is important to send the correct message to our children and to protect their health.

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