

No Smoking Policy

Ratified by BOM on 26th June 2020

Signed: Denis Smith, Chairperson of BOM

HAROLD'S CROSS NATIONAL SCHOOL

NO-SMOKING POLICY

Following legislation (29th March 2004) smoking is forbidden in enclosed places of work. Smoking is also strictly forbidden in Primary Schools including the school yard (circular Eastern Health Board 11th March 1991).

The Board of Management has drawn up the following policy. It is the Policy of the Board of Management of Harold's Cross National School that all of its work places are smoke free and that all pupils, employees, parents, contractors, visitors etc. to the school have the right to work in a smoke free, healthy environment while attending at this school.

Smoking is prohibited in the school grounds with no exceptions. The areas are defined as from the front school gates, yards, hall, school buildings itself and grassed areas. There is no obligation on the Board to provide an outdoor smoking area. Parents and guardians are not permitted to smoke within the school grounds.

IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for the implementation of the Policy rests with the Board of Management. All staff and those who use the school and its environs have an obligation to adhere to and facilitate its implementations.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO AID IMPLEMENTATION

- As part of the SPHE programme pupils will be exposed to the relevant modules on smoking.
- **'No Smoking'** signs will be placed throughout the school.
- The **'No Smoking'** policy will be available in the office.
- Parents will be informed in writing of the school's policy.
- The policy will be displayed at strategic points throughout the school.
- Complaints concerning this policy must be referred to the Principal.
- Infringement of any aspect of the policy must be brought to the attention of the Principal.

- The policy will be reviewed on an on-going basis.

SANCTIONS FOR INFRINGEMENT OF THE NO-SMOKING POLICY

CHILDREN

1. If a pupil is found with cigarettes in his/her possession the cigarettes will be confiscated and his/her parents informed immediately.
2. If a pupil is found smoking within the school grounds his/her parents will be called to the school. The pupil will be given a written warning and the parents asked to sign a contract guaranteeing this will not happen again. Parents will be encouraged to talk to their children about the dangers involved.
3. The pupil will be suspended for a period between one nad three days in line with the schools Code of Behaviour.

ADULTS

1. A formal verbal warning is given to the person concerned.
2. He/she is informed that this school and its environs is a “**No Smoking**” environment and that prosecution will result in a further infringement.

Ratification:

This policy was ratified by the BOM on 24th June 2020.