

UN CRC Article 24

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Smoke Free School Policy

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SMOKE-FREE & E- CIGARETTE FREE POLICY

FOR KNOCKLOUGHRIM PRIMARY SCHOOL

PURPOSE

The aim of this policy is to protect all employees, customers and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to comply with the Smoking (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 which will be enforced by District Councils from 30th April 2007. Further to this in April 2015 the intention is to extend this ban to also include the use of E-Cigarettes

POLICY

It is the policy of Knockloughrim Primary School that all of our premises and vehicles are smoke-free and all our children, visitors and employees have a right to be in a smoke-free environment.

PREMISES

Smoking (including the use of E-Cigarettes) is prohibited throughout the entire property and grounds known as "Knockloughrim Primary School" with no exceptions.

VEHICLES

All vehicles used for the transportation of children will be smoke-free at all times.

EMPLOYER DUTIES

- To display 'No Smoking' signs as required by the legislation.
- To ensure employees, customers and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places and vehicles.
- To investigate complaints regarding employees, customers and visitors smoking.
- To inform, consult and train employees on this policy.

EMPLOYEES DUTIES

- To ensure that they or others do not interfere with No Smoking signs.
- To comply with the Smoke-Free Policy.
- To ensure customers and visitors do not smoke in smoke-free places and vehicles.
- To report incidents of smoking in smoke-free areas and vehicles.

VISITORS DUTIES

- Visitors are not permitted to smoke in smoke-free areas or vehicles.

HELP FOR THOSE WHO SMOKE

This policy is not intended to stop people smoking but to regulate where they smoke and how it affects others. To help smokers adjust to the changes occurring they should contact the smokers helpline, on 0800 858585, who can advise of local support services.

ENFORCEMENT OF THIS POLICY

Failure to comply with this policy will be dealt with through the school's disciplinary procedures. Visitors or members of the public who breach the policy will be asked by any member of staff to stop smoking or using their E-Cigarettes and will be asked by the Principal to leave the premises if they fail to comply with this request. All breaches of this policy will be reported to the Board of Governors. Be aware that, in addition to action taken under this policy, the Education Authority and Mid Ulster District Council may take legal action against individuals who smoke in smoke-free places or public vehicles.