



**The Federation of
Tavernspite and Tavernspite
and Templeton
CP Schools**



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1. Policy Statement

At Tavernspite and Templeton Federation, we are committed to providing a healthy, safe and welcoming environment where every member of our school community can learn, work and thrive free from the harms associated with smoking, vaping and exposure to second-hand smoke or vapour.

We believe that schools have an important role in promoting lifelong healthy choices and encouraging positive attitudes towards physical and emotional wellbeing. Through education, positive role modelling and supportive relationships, we aim to empower children and young people to make informed decisions that promote healthy lifestyles.

In line with Welsh legislation, all Federation buildings, grounds, outdoor spaces and school vehicles are smoke-free and vape-free at all times. This expectation applies equally to pupils, staff, governors, parents, contractors and visitors.

Our approach is based upon education, prevention and support. Whilst breaches of this policy will be addressed appropriately through the Federation's Behaviour and Relationships Policy, our priority is to help individuals understand the health implications of smoking and vaping and to support positive behaviour change wherever possible.

This policy should be read alongside the Federation's:

- ☐ Behaviour and Relationships Policy
- ☐ Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- ☐ Substance Misuse Policy
- ☐ Health and Safety Policy
- ☐ Educational Visits Policy
- ☐ Staff Code of Conduct
- ☐ Health and Wellbeing Curriculum Policy

2. Vision and Principles

Our vision is to create school communities where healthy choices are promoted, positive behaviours are modelled and every individual is supported to make informed decisions that contribute to lifelong wellbeing.

We believe that preventing smoking and vaping is not simply about enforcing rules—it is about educating, supporting and empowering children and adults to make choices that protect their own health and the health of others.

Our work is guided by the following principles.

Health and Wellbeing

The health, safety and wellbeing of every member of our Federation community is our highest priority. We are committed to providing environments that promote healthy lifestyles and reduce exposure to harmful substances.

Prevention Through Education

Children and young people are more likely to make healthy choices when they receive accurate, age-appropriate education within a supportive environment. Prevention is therefore at the heart of our approach.

Positive Relationships

Staff play an important role as positive role models. By developing trusting relationships with pupils, we can encourage open discussion, provide reliable information and promote healthy decision-making.

Support Rather Than Stigma

We recognise that some individuals may already smoke or vape and may require support to change their behaviour. Our response will always seek to educate, support and encourage positive choices alongside appropriate sanctions where necessary.

Shared Responsibility

Creating and maintaining a smoke-free and vape-free environment is everyone's responsibility. Pupils, staff, families, governors and visitors all contribute to promoting a healthy school community.

3. Legislation and Guidance

This policy has been developed in accordance with current Welsh legislation and guidance, including:

- ☐ Smoke-free law in Wales.
- ☐ Smoke-free Premises and Vehicles (Wales) Regulations.
- ☐ Public Health (Wales) Act 2017.
- ☐ Curriculum for Wales Framework.
- ☐ Health and Well-being Area of Learning and Experience.
- ☐ Equality Act 2010.
- ☐ Health and Safety at Work legislation.
- ☐ Welsh Government guidance relating to smoke-free school environments.
- ☐ Public Health Wales guidance on smoking, vaping and prevention.

The Federation fully supports the legal requirement that:

- ☐ Smoking and vaping are prohibited throughout school buildings, grounds and outdoor learning environments.
- ☐ Smoking and vaping are prohibited in all school vehicles and vehicles used to transport pupils on Federation business.

- ☐ Smoke-free legislation applies to all members of the school community and all visitors to the site.

The Federation also supports wider Welsh Government ambitions to improve public health by reducing smoking prevalence and protecting children and young people from exposure to tobacco smoke and vaping products.

4. Aims of the Policy

The aims of this policy are to:

- ☐ provide a safe, healthy and smoke-free learning environment;
- ☐ protect pupils, staff and visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and vapour;
- ☐ discourage the uptake of smoking and vaping among children and young people;
- ☐ promote healthy lifestyles through education and positive role modelling;
- ☐ ensure all members of the Federation community understand their responsibilities;
- ☐ provide consistent procedures for responding to smoking and vaping incidents;
- ☐ support individuals who wish to stop smoking or vaping;
- ☐ ensure compliance with Welsh legislation;
- ☐ contribute positively to pupils' physical, emotional and social wellbeing;
- ☐ embed health education across the Curriculum for Wales;
- ☐ work in partnership with families and external agencies to promote healthy choices.

Ultimately, our aim is to develop confident, informed and responsible learners who understand the importance of making healthy choices that will benefit them throughout their lives.

5. Roles and Responsibilities

Maintaining a smoke-free and vape-free Federation is the responsibility of everyone within our school community.

The Headteacher will:

- ☐ ensure this policy is implemented consistently across both schools;
- ☐ promote a healthy, smoke-free culture;
- ☐ ensure staff receive appropriate guidance and training where necessary;
- ☐ oversee responses to smoking or vaping incidents;
- ☐ work with external agencies where appropriate;
- ☐ monitor the effectiveness of this policy.

Senior Leaders will:

- ☐ support the implementation of the policy;
- ☐ promote healthy lifestyles through school improvement planning;

- ☐ ensure consistent responses to incidents;
- ☐ monitor patterns of behaviour and identify any emerging concerns.

All Staff will:

- ☐ model healthy behaviour at all times;
- ☐ promote the Federation's smoke-free and vape-free expectations;
- ☐ teach pupils about healthy lifestyle choices through the curriculum;
- ☐ respond promptly and consistently to concerns;
- ☐ report incidents in accordance with Federation procedures;
- ☐ signpost pupils and families to appropriate support where needed.

Pupils will:

- ☐ respect the smoke-free and vape-free expectations of the Federation;
- ☐ refrain from bringing or using cigarettes, tobacco products, vaping devices or related items on school premises or during school activities;
- ☐ report concerns to a trusted adult where appropriate;
- ☐ contribute positively to creating a healthy school environment.

Parents and Carers will:

- ☐ support the Federation's smoke-free expectations;
- ☐ avoid smoking or vaping on school grounds;
- ☐ work in partnership with the school if concerns arise involving their child;
- ☐ encourage healthy choices at home.

Governors will:

- ☐ ensure the Federation fulfils its legal responsibilities;
- ☐ monitor implementation of this policy;
- ☐ promote healthy environments through strategic leadership and governance.

6. Creating a Smoke-Free and Vape-Free Environment

The Federation is committed to maintaining environments that actively promote health and wellbeing.

Smoking and vaping are not permitted:

- ☐ anywhere within school buildings;
- ☐ anywhere on school grounds, including playgrounds, sports fields, car parks and outdoor learning areas;

- ☐ at school entrances and gates;
- ☐ within school vehicles;
- ☐ in vehicles transporting pupils during educational visits or Federation activities;
- ☐ during any school-organised activity where pupils are present.

These expectations apply equally to:

- ☐ pupils;
- ☐ staff;
- ☐ governors;
- ☐ parents and carers;
- ☐ contractors;
- ☐ volunteers;
- ☐ visitors.

Appropriate smoke-free signage will be displayed across both school sites to reinforce legal requirements and Federation expectations.

Staff are expected to model healthy behaviours and should not smoke or vape in view of pupils when representing the Federation, including during educational visits and off-site activities.

The Federation actively supports local and national public health initiatives, including Smoke-Free School Gates campaigns and wider health promotion programmes that encourage children, families and the community to adopt healthier lifestyles.

Creating a smoke-free and vape-free environment extends beyond enforcing legislation. Through positive relationships, education and partnership with families, we aim to create school communities where healthy choices are understood, valued and encouraged by everyone.

7. Health Education and Prevention

Promoting healthy lifestyles is a fundamental part of the Federation's approach to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all learners.

Through the Curriculum for Wales, pupils develop the knowledge, skills and values needed to make informed decisions about smoking, vaping and other health-related behaviours.

Learning opportunities will be age-appropriate and will:

- ☐ promote healthy lifestyles and positive wellbeing;
- ☐ develop an understanding of the health risks associated with smoking and vaping;
- ☐ challenge myths and misconceptions surrounding vaping products;
- ☐ develop pupils' confidence to resist peer pressure;

- ☐ encourage informed decision-making;
- ☐ explore the influence of advertising, social media and peer relationships;
- ☐ promote resilience, self-esteem and emotional wellbeing;
- ☐ encourage pupils to seek help and advice when needed.

Health education will be delivered through the Health and Well-being Area of Learning and Experience, alongside opportunities across the wider curriculum, assemblies, themed awareness days, visitors and partnership working with external agencies.

The Federation will actively support national and local public health campaigns that promote healthy choices and reduce smoking and vaping amongst children and young people.

Parents and carers play an important role in reinforcing healthy messages, and the Federation will work collaboratively with families to promote positive health behaviours.

8. Responding to Smoking and Vaping Incidents

The Federation adopts an educational, restorative and supportive approach when responding to incidents involving smoking or vaping.

Each incident will be considered individually, taking account of:

- ☐ the age of the pupil;
- ☐ the nature of the incident;
- ☐ previous concerns;
- ☐ any safeguarding issues;
- ☐ the circumstances surrounding the behaviour.

Where smoking or vaping is suspected or identified:

Staff will:

- ☐ respond calmly and professionally;
- ☐ ensure the immediate safety of everyone involved;
- ☐ confiscate prohibited items where appropriate, in accordance with school procedures;
- ☐ report the incident to a senior member of staff;
- ☐ record the incident on the school's behaviour recording system;
- ☐ inform parents or carers where appropriate;
- ☐ consider whether safeguarding concerns are present.

The Federation will seek to understand why the behaviour occurred and identify any support that may be required.

Responses may include:

- ☐ restorative conversations;
- ☐ health education;
- ☐ reflection activities;
- ☐ parental meetings;
- ☐ behaviour support strategies;
- ☐ proportionate sanctions in line with the Behaviour and Relationships Policy.

Repeated incidents will result in increasing levels of intervention and support, including referral to appropriate external agencies where necessary.

Where incidents involve illegal substances or suspected criminal activity, the Federation's Substance Misuse Policy and Safeguarding Policy will be followed.

9. Supporting Smoking Cessation

The Federation recognises that some members of the school community may already smoke or vape and may require support to stop.

Our approach is based upon encouragement, education and access to appropriate services rather than judgement.

Where appropriate, support may include:

- ☐ confidential conversations;
- ☐ signposting to local smoking cessation services;
- ☐ advice from health professionals;
- ☐ information for families;
- ☐ referral to external agencies where appropriate.

Staff are encouraged to access available wellbeing and smoking cessation support should they wish to stop smoking or vaping.

Where pupils disclose concerns about family members who smoke or vape, staff will respond sensitively and provide reassurance whilst maintaining appropriate confidentiality and safeguarding responsibilities.

10. Monitoring and Review

The Federation is committed to continually improving the effectiveness of its smoke-free and vape-free practice.

Senior leaders will monitor:

- ☐ smoking and vaping incidents;

- ☐ patterns and trends;
- ☐ pupil understanding through curriculum evaluation;
- ☐ effectiveness of health education;
- ☐ staff training needs;
- ☐ feedback from pupils, staff and families.

Monitoring information will contribute to:

- ☐ school self-evaluation;
- ☐ health and wellbeing planning;
- ☐ safeguarding reviews;
- ☐ curriculum development;
- ☐ policy review.

The Governing Body will receive appropriate information to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities for promoting healthy school environments.

This policy will be reviewed every three years, or sooner if legislation or Welsh Government guidance changes.

Appendix 1 – Smoke-Free Expectations

Everyone using Federation premises is expected to:

- ✓ Respect the smoke-free and vape-free status of both school sites.
- ✓ Not smoke or vape anywhere on school grounds.
- ✓ Not smoke or vape in school vehicles.
- ✓ Not bring cigarettes, tobacco products, vaping devices or related items onto school premises unless authorised for educational purposes.
- ✓ Model healthy behaviours for children and young people.
- ✓ Support the Federation's commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles.

Failure to comply with these expectations may result in action under the Federation's Behaviour and Relationships Policy or relevant employment procedures.

Appendix 2 – Staff Response Flowchart

Smoking or Vaping Incident Identified



Ensure immediate safety of all involved.



Confiscate prohibited item if appropriate.



Inform Senior Leader.



Record incident on the school's recording system.



Speak with the pupil using a restorative approach.



Inform parents or carers where appropriate.



Consider safeguarding concerns.



Agree support and any necessary sanctions.



Monitor and review.



Refer to external agencies if additional support is required.

Appendix 3 – Support Services

Where additional support is required, the Federation may signpost individuals to appropriate services, including:

Local Services

- ☐ School Nursing Service
- ☐ GP
- ☐ Public Health Wales programmes
- ☐ Local Stop Smoking Wales services
- ☐ Community Pharmacy Services

Young People

- ☐ School Health and Wellbeing Team
- ☐ Emotional Wellbeing Services
- ☐ Counselling Services (where appropriate)

Staff

- ☐ Employee Assistance Programme (where available)
- ☐ Occupational Health
- ☐ Stop Smoking Wales

Support will always be offered confidentially and sensitively.

Appendix 4 – Curriculum Coverage

Smoking and vaping education forms part of the Federation's wider Health and Well-being curriculum.

Learning includes:

Early Years

- ☐ Keeping our bodies healthy.
- ☐ Making healthy choices.

- ☐ Identifying trusted adults.
- ☐ Looking after ourselves.

Primary Phase

- ☐ Understanding how the body works.
- ☐ Healthy lifestyles.
- ☐ Risks associated with smoking and vaping.
- ☐ Resisting peer pressure.
- ☐ Making informed decisions.
- ☐ Influences of advertising and social media.
- ☐ Respecting ourselves and others.
- ☐ Emotional wellbeing and resilience.

Teaching will be progressive, age-appropriate and responsive to the needs of pupils.

Where appropriate, learning will be enhanced through:

- ☐ visitors and external agencies;
- ☐ themed health events;
- ☐ assemblies;
- ☐ pupil leadership opportunities;
- ☐ community partnerships.

Federation Commitment

At Tavernspite and Templeton Federation, we believe that promoting healthy lifestyles is everyone's responsibility.

By creating smoke-free and vape-free environments, providing high-quality health education and working in partnership with families and health professionals, we aim to help every child develop the knowledge, confidence and resilience to make healthy choices throughout their lives.

Our approach is rooted in education, prevention and support, ensuring that all members of our school community feel safe, valued and empowered to achieve their full potential.