

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Where children are provided with effective sun protection throughout their time in the setting.

54. No smoking/vaping

EYFS: 3.57



At Ridgemount Nursery we are committed to promoting children's health and wellbeing. This is of the utmost importance for the nursery.

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes have both proved to be health risks and therefore, in accordance with legislation, the nursery operates a strict no smoking/vaping policy within its buildings and grounds. It is illegal to smoke in enclosed places.

Everybody must abstain from smoking/vaping while on the premises. This applies to staff, students, parents, carers, contractors and any other visitors to the premises.

Staff accompanying children outside the nursery are not permitted to smoke/vape. We also request that any parents/carers accompanying nursery children on outings refrain from smoking/vaping while caring for the children.

Staff must not smoke/vape while wearing nursery uniform as it is essential that they are positive role models to children and promote a healthy lifestyle. If staff choose to smoke/vape during breaks, they are asked to change into their own clothing and smoke/vape away from the main entrance/nursery premises.

We respect that smoking/vaping is a personal choice, although as an organisation we support healthy lifestyles. We follow Public Health England advice and aim to help staff and parents to stop smoking/vaping by:

- providing factsheets and leaflets
- providing information of local help groups
- providing details of the NHS quit smoking helpline - www.smokefree.nhs.uk
- offering information regarding products that are available to help stop smoking

| This policy was adopted on | Signed on behalf of the nursery | Date for review |
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