

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Suitable Premises, Environment and Equipment

Providers must have a no-smoking policy, and must prevent smoking in a room, or outside play area, when children are present or about to be present

8.7 No-smoking and no-vaping (January 2023)

Policy statement

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in making our setting a no-smoking and no-vaping environment - both indoors and outdoors.

Procedures

- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our No-smoking and no-vaping Policy.
- No-smoking and no-vaping signs are displayed prominently.
- The No-smoking and no-vaping Policy is stated in information for parents and staff.
- Staff who smoke cigarettes or e-cigarettes must not smoke during working hours, unless on a scheduled break and off the premises.
- Staff who smoke when travelling to and from work must cover their pre-school uniform.
- Staff who smoke during their scheduled break make every effort to reduce the effects of odour and passive smoking for children and colleagues.
- Staff are made aware that failure to adhere to this policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.
- It is a criminal offence for employees to smoke in smoke-free areas, with a fixed penalty of £50 or prosecution and a fine of up to £200.

Legal framework

- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations (2006)
- The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations (2012)