



# WE ARE KEEPING YOU SAFE

## No-Smoking Policy

### Introduction

1. Second hand smoking, breathing in other people's tobacco smoke, has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers. It has a negative effect on those people who suffer from conditions such as asthma. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children.
2. As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm.
3. DPA aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff and to this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy which reinforces the messages within the school and the health initiatives in the wider community.

### Aims of the policy

4. The policy seeks to:
  - Provide a no smoking environment both within the studio and the surrounding area that protects the health of the whole of the DPA community and it's visitors.
  - To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable students to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected within the school and by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
  - Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.
  - To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.
  - Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breath in air that is free from tobacco smoke.
  - Comply with Health and Safety Legislation and Employment Law.
  - Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.
  - Take into account the needs of those who smoke and to support those who wish to stop

### **The Smoke-Free Environment**

5. The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the studio e.g. parents, visiting tutors, freelance staff, contractors and trustees.

- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the studio at any time. This includes the whole building and the outside area including car parks.
- Smoking by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
- Smoking at the entrances and exits to the studio will be strongly discouraged.

Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking policy. However, they are not expected to enter into any confrontation which may put their personal safety at risk.

### **Support for smokers**

6. For those who smoke, information about NHS Stop Smoking Services and local support are available.

### **Disciplinary action**

7. The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole studio community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish the offending item and/or leave the premises.

8. If any members of staff wish to smoke, they must leave the site. Staff or students who breach the no smoking policy will be advised that this could result in disciplinary action.

9. Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

### **Monitoring and reviewing**

10. The policy will be reviewed in line with the school review cycle to ensure that it continues to meet the aims of everyone.