

Developing a No Smoking Policy

Providers & Childminders must not allow smoking in or on the premises when children are present or about to be present. Practitioners should not vape or use e-cigarettes when children are present and providers & childminders should consider Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage -2024 point 3.22, GP 3.23 CM

The procedure should include:

- How staff, parents/carers and visitors are informed that smoking and vaping is prohibited at all times within the setting and perimeter areas. If this is via reminder signs where are these signs displayed and who holds the responsibility to ensure these are available
- How staff are made aware of the no smoking procedures and no vaping, i.e., during the induction period
- The process the setting follow should a member of staff be found smoking or vaping in the setting or perimeter areas.
- How the setting reminds parents of the new laws associated with transporting children in a vehicle, i.e. it is against the law to smoke in a car if any passengers are 18 years or under
- What procedure the setting follow should they be aware that parents and/or carers are smoking in a car when transporting a child aged 18 years or under
- The support details offered to parents/carers, staff and visitors who wish to stop smoking:

Tel: 0300 123 1044

Email: Quit smoking - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

The procedure should be reviewed:

- At least annually.
- The procedure needs to be signed by the registered person, include reviewed date and next review due date.
- If any changes are made to the procedure when reviewed the staff and/or parents need to be informed.

Links to other policies and procedures:

- Health and Safety
- Hygiene procedures
- Risk Assessments

This information is provided for guidance only. It is your responsibility to ensure that all statutory legal guidance is adhered to. Consideration needs to be given to any changes in legislation subsequent to the production of this information.