



# Fingringhoe

Church of England (VA) Primary School

*'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'* ~ Joshua 1:9

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## Non-Smoking and Non-Vaping Policy

### 1. Policy Statement

Fingringhoe C of E (VA) Primary School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and smoke-free environment for all pupils, staff, parents, visitors, and the wider school community. Smoking and vaping pose significant health risks, particularly to children, and are not acceptable on school premises or during school-related activities.

### 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All staff, governors, volunteers, contractors, and visitors
- Parents, carers, and guardians
- All pupils
- Anyone using school premises or attending school-organised events

### 3. Definition

For the purposes of this policy:

- **Smoking** includes the use of tobacco products such as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and rolling tobacco.
- **Vaping** includes the use of e-cigarettes, vape pens, or any similar electronic nicotine or non-nicotine delivery devices.

### 4. Policy Rules

Smoking and vaping are **strictly prohibited**:

- On all school premises, including buildings, playgrounds, sports areas, car parks, and school grounds
- At school entrances and exits
- In school vehicles
- During school-organised trips, events, and activities, whether on or off site
- At any time when representing the school or supervising pupils



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## 5. Pupils

Pupils are not permitted to smoke or vape at any time. Any incidents will be dealt with in line with the school's behaviour policy and safeguarding procedures.

## 6. Staff and Visitors

All staff; parents, carers, and visitors are expected to comply fully with this policy. Failure to do so may result in:

- A request to stop smoking or vaping immediately
- Being asked to leave the premises
- Further action in line with school procedures or contractual obligations

## 7. Signage and Communication

Clear signage will be displayed at the entrance of the school. This policy will be shared with staff, parents, and visitors through the school website.

## 8. Support

The school recognises that smoking and vaping are addictions. Staff who wish to stop smoking or vaping are encouraged to seek support from appropriate health services.

## 9. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored and reviewed on an annual basis to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with current legislation.

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