

# No-Smoking, (including e-cigarettes) Drugs & Alcohol

## Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

**Providers 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**

### Policy statement:

It is the policy of Yaxley & Mellis Pre-School to keep children safe whilst they are in our care.

### EYFS key themes and commitments

The Themes and Principles describe the features of our practice on which the Early Years Foundation Stage is based. They emphasise that the child is of first importance and that all relationships, experiences and the environment together influence how the child will develop, plan and learn.

[http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2011/10/EYFS\\_Principles1.pdf](http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2011/10/EYFS_Principles1.pdf)

**A Unique Child – 1.4 Health and well-being**

**Positive Relationships – 2.1 Respecting each other**

**Enabling Environments – 3.2 Supporting every child**

### Procedures

- We display no-smoking signs.
- No member of staff is permitted to smoke within 15 minutes of having contact with the children, therefore, anyone wishing to smoke, must be on a half hour break and leave the pre-school grounds to do so.
- Staff must not smoke in their uniform and must wash their hands thoroughly before returning to work.

### Smoking

Children's health and wellbeing is of the utmost importance for the children in our care. Smoking has proved to be a health risk and therefore in accordance with childcare legislation and UK smoking legislation 2007, the pre-school operates a strict no smoking policy within its buildings and grounds. The whole site has been deemed a No Smoking Site. It is illegal to smoke in enclosed places and workplaces. Parents, staff, students, carers, visitors, contractors etc. are respectfully required to abstain from smoking on arrival to the pre-school site.

Staff accompanying children outside the pre-school are not permitted to smoke e.g. whilst on an outing, and wearing a pre-school uniform as it is essential that staff are positive role models to children and promote a healthy lifestyle.

We respect that it is a personal choice to smoke, although as an organisation we support healthy lifestyles and therefore help staff and parents to stop smoking by:

- providing details of the NHS quit smoking helpline ([www.smokefree.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefree.nhs.uk))

### No Alcohol, Drugs or Illegal Substances

Alcohol, drugs or illegal substances are not permitted on the premises of Yaxley & Mellis Pre-School. Staff members, students and volunteers suspected of or found to be under the influence or are in possession of alcohol, drugs or illegal substances whilst children are in our care will be asked to leave immediately. Any breach of this rule by staff members may lead to disciplinary proceedings and to dismissal for gross misconduct. In these circumstances Yaxley & Mellis Pre-School will contact the Local Area Designated Officer for Safeguarding (LADO) and be in liaison with the settings named Designated Safeguarding lead.

Local Designated Officers can be contacted via email on [LADOCentral@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk](mailto:LADOCentral@suffolk.gcsx.gov.uk) or using the LADO central telephone number [0300 123 2044](tel:03001232044) for allegations against all staff and volunteers.

### **Parents/Carers under the Influence of Alcohol, Drugs or Illegal Substances.**

If we are unhappy to release a child to the person collecting as a result of their behaviour or we have reasonable cause to believe they are under the influence of alcohol, drugs or an illegal substance. We will seek further advice from our Designated Safeguarding Lead/Nominated Ofsted Person and outside agencies e.g. Children's Services and/or the Police for advice. We will also contact the child's emergency contacts if appropriate.

In the time whilst we are contacting outside agencies and if appropriate the child's emergency contact, the child will be kept apart from the individual who is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol, drugs or an illegal substance with their key person. The Team Leader will ensure that the parent/carer is not permitted to enter the Pre-School School building until support arrives from social services/police.

We understand that we have no legal rights to prevent a child being taken by a parent; however we would endeavour to protect the child to our best ability. If the parent/carer takes the child from our care we would advise them that it may be unsafe and that we will be notifying the police and children's social care, as we believe them to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, thus putting a child at risk.

References/Legislation that informs this policy:

UN Convention on the Rights of the Child – 1989 (Ratified 1999)

The Children Act 1989

The Children Act 2004 (Every Child matters)

The Medicines Act 1968

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH)

Smoke-Free (Premises and Enforcement)

Regulations Smoke-Free (Signs) Regulations

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