



**BALLYORAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**No Smoking/Vaping  
Policy**

**March 2025**

## **RATIONALE**

Ballyoran Primary School Vision states that:

‘As a welcoming inclusive school, we aim to provide a safe, happy, caring and stimulating learning environment.’

Section 4 (2) (e) of the Health and Safety at Work (NI) Order 1978 places a duty on employers to provide a working environment for employees that is – ‘safe, without risks to health.’

## **AIM**

This Policy aims to help fulfil the above Vision and legal requirements, ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the entire school community.

## **DATE OF FIRST IMPLEMENTATION**

At a meeting of the Board of Governors on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008 it was agreed that Ballyoran Primary School would become a non-smoking environment.

**All staff – teaching, peripatetic, support and non-teaching as well as parents, visitors and pupils may not smoke while on school premises. This prohibition of tobacco which was later extended to e-cigarette and vape will also apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises eg Educational Visits.**

## **E-CIGARETTES & Vapes**

As well as tobacco, E-Cigarettes and Vapes are included in this policy and their use is forbidden in school.

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board of Governors is responsible for this policy under its Health and Safety responsibilities. The Principal is responsible for the implementation of this policy on a day to day basis. He does however rely on the entire school staff to assist him in this role.

## **POLICY IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy applies to the entire school community: pupils, staff, governors, parents and visitors.

Members of staff will be given a copy of this Policy which will become part of their contract of employment.

Parents will be informed of this policy through the Information Booklet, News Sheets and the School Website.

Members of staff shall inform visitors of this policy.

Signs and notices communicating this policy and cigarette bin are in place.

## **NON COMPLIANCE WITH SMOKING POLICY**

### **Parents/Visitors**

- Parents and Visitors will be asked to extinguish cigarettes or put away vapes or e-cigarettes immediately, if they refuse to do this they will be asked to leave the premises.

### **Staff**

- Will be subject to the Staff Disciplinary Procedure.

### **Pupils**

- Will be subject to the School's Discipline Policy.

## **SCHOOL PREMISES UTILISED OUTSIDE NORMAL SCHOOL HOURS**

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy remains in operation.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/GUIDANCE**

Additional Information is available from the Health and Safety Officer at the Education Authority.

## **SALE OF CIGARETTES, E-CIGARETTES AND VAPES**

The sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vapes on school property is forbidden.

## **MONITORING & REVIEW**

The policy will be reviewed regularly and revised if appropriate.