



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School
"where everyone is special"



P6: No-Smoking Statement

Mission Statement

With Christ at the heart of our Catholic community,
our mission is to:

- ✘ nurture the potential in each individual,
- ✘ celebrate achievement,
- ✘ and develop an awareness of service
to God and each other

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Review: As needed

Introduction

The Health Act 2006 made it illegal to smoke in all enclosed public places and enclosed workplaces in England with effect from 1 July 2007. It is now also illegal to smoke in a vehicle in which there is a person under the age of 18. The change in the law is to protect children and young people from the damaging effects of secondhand smoke, which can put them at risk of serious conditions such as meningitis, cancer, bronchitis and pneumonia, and make asthma worse.

Legislation

The legislation also applies to all County Council enclosed buildings and related areas. Although English Martyrs is a voluntary aided school with property owned by the diocese, the same legislation applies and is strictly adhered to. This policy also extends to the use of E cigarettes or any form of smoking device. In addition Smoking is not permitted in any vehicle either privately owned or provided by the school when transporting colleagues or children/parents on school business.

Employees who wish to smoke should do so in their own time and must ensure that they smoke away from the school site away from the view of children.

Under no circumstances should parents or their representatives be smoking or using smoking devices on the school site. Any adults in breach of this rule will be spoken to by a staff member, if the adult persists than a possible ban from the school site will be sought. If the school is aware of parents who continue to smoke in a vehicle with an adult under the age of 18, they will be invited into school to discuss the situation. If a parent continues this behaviour than the headteacher or her representative, will refer the matter to the appropriate authorities which may include Social Services and the police.

Help for those who smoke

Information and guidance for those wishing to give up smoking can be found on the [Health and Safety Intranet pages](#) and the Warwickshire NHS Stop Smoking Service can be contacted by calling 0800 085 2917, texting LIFE to 80800 or by visiting www.smokefreewarwickshire.org. Alternatively information can be found on the [NHS Smokefree website \(http://smokefree.nhs.uk\)](http://smokefree.nhs.uk) or by calling 0800 022 4332. For parents guidance can be provided through their own GP services.

Disciplinary action

Employees who fail to comply with the smoke-free workplace legislation will be subject to the schools disciplinary procedures as well as to any sanction that may be applicable under criminal law. Advice in relation to specific cases should be sought from the HR Advisory Team. For Parents or their representative a ban from the school site will be sought.