ROSSETT ACRE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SMOKE-FREE, VAPE-FREE AND HEATED TOBACCO-FREE POLICY

Name of School: Rossett Acre Primary School
Person responsible: Headteacher
Date approved: September 2026
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PURPOSE

This policy sets out Rossett Acre Primary School's commitment to providing a smoke-free, vape-free and heated tobacco-free environment for pupils, staff, parents and carers, governors, volunteers, visitors, contractors and all users of the school site. It supports compliance with the Health Act 2006 and the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006, and reflects current public health guidance and national policy direction on smoking, vaping, nicotine products and heated tobacco products.

Exposure to second-hand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. The school also recognises the importance of protecting children and adults from exposure to emissions, vapour and role-modelling associated with smoking, vaping and heated tobacco use. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not remove the risk of exposure.

POLICY

Rossett Acre Primary School is a smoke-free, vape-free and heated tobacco-free school. Smoking, vaping and the use of heated tobacco products are not permitted anywhere on the school site, including buildings, classrooms, offices, toilets, entrances, playgrounds, outdoor learning areas, car parks, pathways, school grounds, school vehicles and any substantially enclosed spaces. This applies during the school day and at all school events, lettings, meetings, clubs and activities held on the school site.

For the purposes of this policy, "smoking" includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, shisha, herbal smoking products and any other lit tobacco or smoking product. "Vaping" includes electronic cigarettes, disposable vapes, refillable vapes and other nicotine or non-nicotine vaping devices. "Heated tobacco products" includes any device or product that heats tobacco or herbal material rather than burning it.

This policy applies to all staff, pupils, parents and carers, governors, volunteers, visitors, contractors, external providers and community users of the school site. It also applies when staff are supervising pupils off site as part of school-arranged visits, activities or events, where staff must not smoke, vape or use heated tobacco products in the presence of pupils or while representing the school.

IMPLEMENTATION

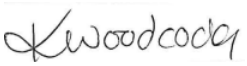
Overall responsibility for implementation and review rests with the Headteacher. All staff are expected to follow the policy, promote a healthy school environment and support its consistent implementation. The policy will be shared with staff as part of induction and made available to parents, carers, governors, volunteers, contractors and other school site users as appropriate.

Clear signage will be displayed at appropriate entrances and around the school site to

indicate that Rossett Acre Primary School is smoke-free, vape-free and heated tobacco-free. Where relevant, this expectation will also be included in lettings, contractor and visitor information.
Staff who become aware of smoking, vaping or heated tobacco use on the school site should respond calmly and respectfully, remind the person of this policy and ask them to stop or leave the site if necessary. Any concerns involving pupils will be managed in line with the school's behaviour, safeguarding and health education procedures, with a focus on education, support and safety.

NON-COMPLIANCE
Failure by a member of staff to comply with this policy may be addressed through the school's usual management or disciplinary procedures. Visitors, parents, carers, contractors or other site users who do not comply will be reminded of the policy and may be asked to leave the site. Breaches of smoke-free legislation may also result in enforcement action by the relevant local authority, including fixed penalty notices or prosecution where applicable.

HELP TO STOP SMOKING
Rossett Acre Primary School recognises that stopping smoking or vaping can be difficult and encourages anyone who wants support to access free, evidence-based help. The NHS Better Health service provides information, practical tools, the NHS Quit Smoking app and a free Personal Quit Plan.
Further information is available at https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/.
Staff may also seek confidential advice through their GP, pharmacy, local stop smoking service or employee support available through the Trust, where applicable.

SIGNED:  **Date: September 2026**

Headteacher

On behalf of the Governing Body of Rossett Acre Primary School