

# PEMBURY SCHOOL HOUSE NURSERY



## SAFETY AND SUITABILITY OF PREMISES, ENVIRONMENT AND EQUIPMENT

### No Smoking Policy

It is against the law to smoke in an enclosed public place in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and from 1 July 2007, the same applies in England.

The idea is to encourage smokers to quit and to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke. Up to 17,000 children are admitted to hospital in the UK each year as a result of the effects of second-hand smoke. The World Health Organisation cites passive smoking as a cause of bronchitis, pneumonia, coughing and wheezing, asthma, middle-ear infection, cot death and possibly cardiovascular and neurobiological impairment in children.

The target audience for this policy will be all Staff members of Pembury School House Nursery, all committee members, parents, carers and visitors.

#### **Statement of Intent**

This nursery is committed to promoting a smoke-free environment for children in accordance with the Section 3 of the Statutory Framework for Early Years; Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements 3.55. Smoking of cigarettes and other tobacco products is not permitted within, or on, the grounds of the Pembury School House facility. This includes pick-up area, garden area, or within the setting.

With the exception of time occupied in having a meal break, additional breaks for the specific purpose of smoking, are not permitted.

#### **Policy Application**

We comply with health and safety regulations and the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage in making our setting a no-smoking environment - both indoors and outdoors.

#### **Procedures**

- All staff, parents and volunteers are made aware of our No Smoking Policy.
- No-smoking signs are displayed prominently.
- The No Smoking Policy is stated in information for parents and staff.
- E-cigarettes or vaping are not permitted to be used on the premises.
- Staff who smoke or use e-cigarettes during their scheduled breaks go well away from the premises.
- Staff who smoke during their break make every effort to reduce the effects of odour and passive smoking for children and colleagues.
- Staff are made aware that failure to adhere to this policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.

#### **Legal framework**

- The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations (2006)
- The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations (2012)

- Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage (2021)

This policy was updated and adopted by the Trustees of Pembury School House Nursery