

QUEENS PARK MONTESSORI DAY NURSERY

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NO SMOKING OR VAPING POLICY

At Queens Park Montessori Day Nursery we are committed to promoting children's health and well-being. This is of the upmost importance for the nursery.

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes have proved to be a health risk and therefore in accordance with legislation, the nursery operates a strict no smoking/vaping policy within its buildings and grounds. It is illegal to smoke in enclosed places.

All persons must abstain from smoking/vaping while on the premises. This applies to staff, students, parents, carers, contractors and any other visitors to the premises.

Staff accompanying children outside the nursery, are not permitted to smoke/vape. We also request that parents accompanying nursery children on outings refrain from smoking/vaping while caring for the children.

Staff must not smoke/vape while wearing nursery uniform as it is essential that staff are positive role models to children and promote a healthy lifestyle. Where staff choose to smoke/vape during breaks, they are asked to smoke/vape away from the main entrance and nursery premises. They should have a change of clothes and wash their hands before going back to the children. Staff should wait for 30 minutes after smoking before holding babies or children, even with a change of clothes.

We respect that smoking/vaping is a personal choice, although as an organisation we support healthy lifestyles. We follow Public Health England advice and aim to help staff and parents to stop smoking by:

- Providing factsheets and leaflets
- Providing information of local help groups
- Providing details of the NHS quit smoking helpline

https://www.nhs.uk/better-health/quit-smoking/

Offering information regarding products that are available to help stop smoking.

This policy was adopted on
Signed on behalf of the nursery:
Date for review: