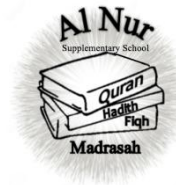


Bolton Muslim Welfare Trust Al Nur Supplementary School



This policy is in line with the Mission Statement of the school:

Bolton Muslim Welfare Trust Al Nur Supplementary School promotes and encourages the nurturing of Islamic Culture, which permeates all aspects of a Muslim's life through the sound development of conduct, appearance, and morals, which establish the highest ethical nature of Islam. We aim to establish a wholesome environment for female Muslim students, that is conducive to building character and strengthening British and Islamic values. The Supplementary School aims to prepare students to be confident, active and ethical people, serving their communities with a sound understanding of their faith and cultural heritage and fulfilling their roles as successful and responsible citizens in wider society.

No Smoking Policy

Ratified: 8th September 2022

To be reviewed: September 2023

No Smoking & No E-Cigarettes Policy

Rationale:

- Islam strictly forbids indulgence in intoxicants such as alcohol and drugs for good reason. The limited pleasure of such vices causes immense long-term damage to mind, body and the social fabric of society. Particular schools of thought include smoking within the list of prohibitions because of its harmful effects on the body. It seems that if Muslims adhere to the teachings of Islam, they would automatically lead a healthier lifestyle.

Various verses and texts within Islam promote the consumption of healthy wholesome food and eating in moderation and looking after one's health.

God say's in the Quran:

Eat of the good things which we have provided for you. (2.173)

Eat of what is lawful and wholesome on the earth. (2.168)

The final messenger of God, Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) mounted the pulpit, then wept and said, "Ask Allah (swt) for forgiveness and health, for after being granted certainty, one is given nothing better than health." Related in Tirmidhi.

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.
- Passive smoking – breathing other people's tobacco smoke – is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non smokers. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second hand smoke.
- Breathing in second hand smoke is a health and safety issue for all adults who work at the school.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

Aim:

- The school regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. It recognizes that its staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. In light of the evidence that second hand smoke causes damage to health this policy has been implemented to;
 - Protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke

- Acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke and;
- Help smokers to quit.

No Smoking Policy:

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises – building and grounds.

Staff:

Staff are recognized 'role models' and as such are required not to smoke in sight of the children, this will include visits/school trips etc and include teaching and non-teaching staff.

Visitors:

The No Smoking Policy applies to all Visitors to the school (including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and repair people).

Parents and Carers:

It will be requested that Parents and Carers adhere to the No Smoking Policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds.

Communicating the Policy:

The following arrangements have been made for informing people of the policy's existence:

- Staff will be informed of the No Smoking Policy at recruitment.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to inform visitors that the premises are Smoke Free.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

Assistance for those who smoke:

We recognise that smoking is an addictive behavior. Anyone who wishes to give up should contact the school nurse.