

# **Sticky Fingers Pre School**

## **17 - Smoking Policy**

### **Introduction**

This policy has been devised in consultation with staff and committee members of Sticky Finger's Pre-school, with reference from the Somerset Stop Smoking Service and Smoke Free Somerset Alliance.

### **Rationale**

- Research shows that almost a quarter of young people are regular smokers by the age of 15.
- Almost all adults took up the habit when they were children.
- Approx. 111,000 smokers a year die in the UK. That's 3000 a day.
- People are harmed by second hand smoke, e.g. lung cancer and childhood respiratory disease, heart disease, cot death, middle ear disease and asthmatic attacks in children.
- Schools have a role to play in working towards a smoke free society. All young children need to be protected and given clear messages about the dangers of smoking.

### **Aims**

- This Pre School aims to be a health promoting organisation.
- This Pre School aims to protect staff, young children and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
- This Pre School will comply with the new Health Act (2006) which bans smoking in all workplace and enclosed public areas.

### **Content**

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises, buildings or grounds (including exits to the sites). This also applies to E-cigarettes.
- This applies to all staff, parents, visitors and contractors.

### **Communicating the policy to staff parents/carers and visitors**

- Staff will be informed at recruitment of the No Smoking Policy.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to visually alert and inform both members of the public and staff.
- Information will be provided in the Pre School prospectus and website.

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- Details on stop smoking services will be available to all through leaflets, posters, and [www.smokefreesomerset.nhs.uk](http://www.smokefreesomerset.nhs.uk)

### **Monitoring and evaluation.**

- This policy is available to review on request.
- The monitoring will be carried out through an annual review involving Staff, Committee and Parents. Ultimate responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Committee.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Sticky Fingers Pre-School Committee

Held on: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Signed on behalf of the Pre-School:

Chairperson: Zoe Stewart

Secretary: Cath Temple