

General Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safety and Suitability of Premises, Environment and Equipment

Providers must have a no-smoking policy, and must prevent smoking in a room, or outside play area, when children are present or about to be present. Practitioners must not be under the influence of alcohol or any other substances which may affect their ability to care for children.

8.7 No-smoking and taking of other substances

Policy statement

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.
- We display no-smoking signs.
- The No-smoking Policy is stated in our information for parents.
- Staff who smoke do not do so during working hours.
- Staff who smoke during their break make every effort to reduce the effect of the odour and lingering effects of passive smoking for children and colleagues.
- Practitioners must not be under the influence of alcohol or any other substance which may affect their ability to care for children. If practitioners are taking medication which may affect their ability to care for children, those practitioners should seek medical advice. Providers must ensure that those practitioners only work directly with children if medical advice confirms that the medication is unlikely to impair that staff member's ability to look after children properly. Staff medication on the premises must be securely stored, and out of reach of children, at all times.

Legal framework

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

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Downton Community Preschool	<i>(name of provider)</i>
Held on	September 2019	<i>(date)</i>
Date to be reviewed	September 2020	<i>(date)</i>
Signed on behalf of the provider		
Name of signatory	Sarah Nutbeam and Lucy Babb	
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Co-Chairs	