

Smoking Policy

Rationale

We understand the importance of children not being exposed to passive smoking or vaping. Evidence shows that passive smoking increases the risk to young children developing lower respiratory tract infections that can result in hospitalisation. We are committed to ensuring that children are not exposed to passive smoking or vaping while in our care.

Procedure

No-one living or working in the childminding setting smokes or vapes inside the property. Visitors are not permitted to smoke or vape in the house at any time. Visitors are not permitted to smoke or vape in the garden while minded children are present. For health and safety reasons all smoking/vaping residue will be removed before minded children attend.

When on outings care will be taken to avoid areas where members of the public are smoking or vaping. If someone starts smoking or vaping in the vicinity of the minded children when we are out and about we will either move or we will ask the person to stop smoking around the children.

We will not visit premises that we know are used by smokers or vapers while caring for minded children unless we can ensure that adequate ventilation of the rooms is possible before children enter.

Date of next review: February 2027.