**Aberdeenshire Council updates its smoking policy – how this will affect your school**

Aberdeenshire Council has a new Smoking policy <http://arcadialite.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/?p=14537> that will take effect at all Aberdeenshire Council schools from the 15th August 2016*.* The policy means that smoking is not allowed anywhere or at any time over the entire school premises including outside grounds. The policy applies to school pupils, all staff working within the school and or community campus (Councilors, nurses, clerical support, janitors, bus drivers, etc.) parents/carers and visitors. These restrictions also apply to the use of electronic cigarettes.

The policy will provide a strong message to school pupils, staff and parents that is consistent with our education programmes and with the fact that smoking is the largest preventable cause of disease and death in the UK today.

We support a smoke free school policy because we are committed to improving the health of all our school pupils and staff, as well as that of other members of our school and community. We also recognise the important role that teachers, parents and other adults have in influencing the attitudes and smoking behaviour of children and young people.

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