# 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.



## 8.7 No-smoking

### **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.
- No-smoking signs are displayed prominently.
- The No-smoking Policy is stated in information for parents and staff.
- We actively encourage no-smoking by having information for parents and staff about where to get help to stop smoking if they are seeking this information.
- Staff who smoke do not do so during working hours, unless on a scheduled break and off the premises.
- Staff who smoke during working hours and travelling to and from work must not do so whilst wearing
  a setting uniform or must at least cover the uniform.
- E-cigarettes are not permitted to be used on the premises.
- Staff who smoke or use e-cigarettes during their scheduled breaks go to [car park out of sight of children], or well away from the premises.
- Staff who smoke during their break make every effort to reduce the effects of odour and passive smoking for children and colleagues.

- Smoking is not permitted in any vehicles belonging to the setting.
- Staff are made aware that failure to adhere to this policy and procedures may result in disciplinary action.
- It is a criminal offence for employees to smoke in smoke-free areas, anyone found guilty will be prosecuted.

This policy was adopted by:	Theydon Bois Preschool Group
Date:	January 2024
Signed on behalf of provider:	Them
Name of signatory:	James Mellor
Role of signatory:	Committee member
Date to be reviewed:	January 2025

## Legal framework

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