



Smoking, vaping and e-cigarettes policy

Rationale

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

Procedure

No-one living or working in the childminding setting smokes, vapes or uses e-cigarettes. 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 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 I will ask the person to stop smoking around the children.

I will not visit premises that I know are used by smokers or vapers while caring for minded children unless I can ensure that adequate ventilation of the rooms is possible before children enter and that smoking and vaping does not take place for the duration of the visit.

Signature: Meg Hearne

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