



**St. Joseph's School  
Abu Dhabi- UAE**

**NO SMOKING POLICY**

St. Joseph's School is committed to:

- Providing the highest quality of education and social development for pupils to ensure their emotional and physical well being.
- Educating all employees, pupils, parents, contractors and other visitors of the dangers of smoking to health.
- Providing a healthy, clean and safe working environment for all employees, pupils, parents, contractors and other visitors.

**SCOPE**

To create a smoke free health care environment.

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

Staff, Students, Parents, Visitors and Contractors.

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**St. Joseph's School** ensures a smoke-free environment. Smoking is prohibited on the school grounds, school buildings including toilets, corridors, reception area, staff rooms, car parks and playing area in order to protect the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.

The policy seeks to:

- To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.
- To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breath in air that is free from tobacco smoke.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.

- To implement and enforce restrictions and ban on tobacco use on the facility and its premises making them 100% tobacco/smoke-free premises.
- There are signs “NO SMOKING” in the school posted on all prominent locations that shall indicate clearly the presence of a smoke free facility.
- Smoking is prohibited during school programmes held outside normal school hours.
- Teachers, attendants and staff are expected to refrain from smoking on all school trips and events.
- All transport provided or contracted by the school must maintain a smoke free environment.
- Parents and guardians must be discouraged from smoking at entrances and exits to the school site while collecting your child.
- All staff are requested not to smoke in or around the school gates/walls or anywhere, where the parents and members of the public are affected.

#### **ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES :**

Electronic cigarettes or e-cigarettes are battery powered products that release a visible vapour that contains nicotine that is inhaled by the smoker. The No Smoking policy applies to the use of electronic cigarettes as well.

#### **Monitoring:**

- It is intended the policy will be self-enforcing. An employee meeting visitors or clients at a school building or facility must politely advise them of this policy. However, all employees should not enter into any confrontational situation that may put at risk their own safety.
- The school is under CCTV surveillance.
- The HR and the OSH officer is responsible for ensuring that all employees are aware of the policy and that breaches of the policy are dealt with accordingly.

This policy applies to all staff, students, parents, visitors and contractors when they are at the school campus.

**Smoking in the schools and around the campus is banned by the UAE Government and defaulters may face strict actions.**

*Prestina Rocha*

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St. Joseph's School



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