

PRECIOUS LITTLE SOULS HOME NURSERY

Smoking & Vaping Policy

1st September 2026 *This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.*

Purpose

To ensure children are cared for in a clean, healthy, and smoke-free environment, and to comply with all legal requirements relating to smoking and vaping around children.

Policy Statement

Precious Little Souls Home Nursery promotes a completely smoke-free and vape-free environment. Smoking and vaping are **strictly prohibited** anywhere on the premises, **even before children are due to attend**, during childcare hours, and in any situation where children are present.

This includes:

- Inside the home
- In the garden
- On outings
- During drop-off and collection
- In any vehicle used for childcare
- **Before children arrive for the day** (to ensure no lingering smoke or vapour)

Legal Requirement: Smoking/Vaping in Vehicles

It is **against the law** to smoke or vape in a vehicle **with anyone under 18 years old present**, even if windows or doors are open.

This applies to:

- My own vehicle
- Any vehicle used for transporting children
- Any vehicle where a child is present, regardless of who is driving

I fully comply with this requirement at all times.

Visitors, Household Members & Assistants

- Visitors, household members, volunteers, and assistants **must not smoke or vape** anywhere on the premises during childcare hours.
- No visitor or household member may smoke or vape in sight of children.
- Anyone who has recently smoked or vaped must wash hands and avoid close contact until the smell has dissipated.

Outings

- Smoking and vaping are not permitted on any outing, walk, trip, or outdoor activity while children are present.
- I do not take children to areas where smoking or vaping is taking place.

Storage of Vaping Devices & Smoking Materials

- Cigarettes, lighters, matches, vapes, vape liquids, and related items are stored securely and out of children's reach.
- No smoking or vaping materials are left accessible in bags, coats, or vehicles.

Promoting a Healthy Environment

- Children are taught about healthy lifestyles in an age-appropriate way.
- I model healthy behaviour and ensure children are not exposed to smoke, vapour, or related smells.

If Someone Smokes or Vapes on the Premises

If a visitor or household member attempts to smoke or vape:

- They will be asked to stop immediately.
- They will be directed away from the premises.
- The incident will be recorded if it affects children's safety.
- **tiney and Ofsted** will be notified if the incident meets safeguarding or suitability thresholds.