**Smoking Policy (Updated for EYFS 2025)**

**Policy Statement:** At Little Acorns preschool, we are committed to providing a **safe, healthy, and smoke-free environment** for all children, staff members, parents, and visitors. Exposure to smoking, including second-hand smoke and vaping, poses significant health risks, particularly to young children. This policy ensures compliance with **EYFS 2025 regulations** and supports the promotion of a healthy lifestyle within our setting.

**No Smoking Policy**

* **Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes (vaping), is strictly prohibited** in all areas of the preschool premises.
* This policy applies to all **staff members, parents, visitors, and contractors** at all times.
* Smoking is **not permitted indoors or outdoors**, including gardens, play areas or entrances/exits.

**Maintaining a Smoke-Free Environment**

* We will **actively promote a smoke-free culture** to safeguard the health of children and others in our care.
* Signage is displayed in **prominent areas** to inform all visitors, parents, and staff of the **no smoking** policy.

**Staff Responsibilities**

* All **staff members must adhere** to this policy while on duty and during any outings or off-site activities.
* Staff are expected to **act as role models** by promoting healthy behaviours and discouraging smoking.
* Any staff member who wishes to smoke must **do so off-site , out of uniform and away from children** during break periods.

**Parent and Visitor Compliance**

* It is the responsibility of **all parents and visitors to comply** with the policy while on the premises.
* If any visitor is found smoking, they will be asked to **leave the premises immediately** and reminded of the policy.

**Designated Smoking Areas**

* **No designated smoking areas** are provided within the preschool setting.
* Staff or visitors wishing to smoke must **leave the premises entirely** before doing so.

**Enforcement and Non-Compliance**

* **Non-compliance with the no-smoking policy** will be addressed immediately.
* If a **staff member, parent, or visitor** is found smoking on the premises, they will receive a **verbal warning** and be reminded of the policy.
* **Repeated violations** may result in further action, such as **formal warnings, restrictions on access to the setting, or disciplinary measures** for staff members.

**Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes**

From September 2025, the updated **EYFS framework** strengthens regulations to promote **health and safety within early years settings**. Our policy aligns with the latest EYFS updates by:

* **Maintaining a completely smoke-free setting**, including outdoor areas and during off-site activities.
* **Encouraging a culture of health and well-being** by educating children, staff, and parents on the dangers of smoking and vaping.
* **Enhancing enforcement measures** to ensure compliance and **protect children from second-hand smoke exposure**.
* **Providing support** for staff who may want to **quit smoking** in line with government public health recommendations.

**Signed:** Chairperson  
**Date:** September 2025