

Template wording for introducing the initiative (Please edit as you need to)

Dear [insert name]

..... (insert school name) has recently signed up to be part of the Smokefree Derbyshire School Gates initiative.

One of the main aims of this initiative is about supporting people to stop smoking in the presence of children. This is because children are heavily influenced by adult role models who smoke. In 2014, **82% of pupils** who regularly smoked reported having a family member who smoked ⁷.

Did you know?

- **Children who have one parent who smokes are over 70% more likely to start smoking than those that don't**
- **If that parent is the mother, then it is even more likely**
- **And if both parents smoke then the likelihood is even higher again**

The school has signed up to a series of principles in order to implement the initiative. These are:

- **Signage being installed on all school gates that are entrances to the school**
- **Raise awareness to parents and students that the school is now part of the Smokefree Derbyshire School Gates initiative and the reasons why**
- **Raise awareness of the Live Life Better Derbyshire service to members of the school community who are interested in stopping smoking**

Smoking is now not permitted by anyone outside the school gates.

In accordance with previous smokefree legislation, smoking is not permitted on the school grounds and extends to vehicles used to transport pupils to and from school activities.

If you wish to stop smoking then please visit

<https://www.livelifebetterderbyshire.org.uk/home.aspx> or call 0800 085 22 99.

If you would like further information about Smokefree Derbyshire please visit **Derbyshire.gov.uk/smokefreeschoolgates**

Yours Sincerely

[insert teachers name]

[insert position/role]

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⁷ Health and Social Care Information Centre – Smoking, drinking and drug use among young people in England in 2014