

# Should smoking be banned in schools?

As we know smoking is a dangerous habit but now younger people are starting to take it up. From April 2015, smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria (Canada).

If a smoking ban was introduced in schools in Wales then it would apply to everyone e.g. teachers, students and parents. A school nurse quoted "I think smoking should be banned on school premises, this would apply to everyone especially pupils but also teachers and visitors, If younger pupils look up to people who smoke they will be influenced to do it too" Students, across the UK, have been asked to not smoke when wearing school uniform or representing the school.

In Manchester, parents have been asked to not smoke outside school gates. Research suggests that children who have parents or siblings who smoke will not smoke in the

future. Why is this? Well it could be that they see the causes first hand or they don't want the habit of smoking.

In some schools, a smoking ban was introduced because second-hand tobacco smoke was a major cause of heart disease and lung cancer.

There are different ways to stop youth smoking such as putting bans on smoking on school premises or putting up signs where smoking is not allowed.



Getty Images

By Gabby and Lauren