

SAMPLE LETTER TO PARENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE *TOBACCO CONTROL ACT*

Dear Parents:

Last September , our school became completely tobacco-free, as a result of changes to the *Tobacco Control Act*.

From the moment students, staff or visitors enter school grounds, they can no longer smoke or use tobacco, or hold lighted tobacco, at any time, day or night, whether or not school is in session. Anyone who breaches this new legislative provision can face a fine of up to \$58.

Our young people's health and well-being come first.

These legislative measures support our school in our efforts to create a healthier school environment. They are intended to prevent our students from starting to smoke, support those who are trying to quit, and protect all staff, students and visitors from the health consequences of second-hand smoke.

Your cooperation is key.

We ask for your support as parents. Your support is key to the effective implementation of this new legislation.

How can you help?

- Support the school's efforts to promote a healthy learning environment.
- Ensure that you comply with the tobacco law by not using any tobacco products while on school grounds.
- Encourage and support student awareness of the tobacco law. Help your children understand the consequences of breaking the law while at school.
- Support school officials when penalties are imposed. Our school policy outlines the consequences for anyone who breaks the rules regarding tobacco use.
- Be a positive role model for your children, whether you're a smoker or not. Encourage and help them say no to cigarettes, and don't give them, or provide easy access to, tobacco products.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a healthier learning environment for all our students.

XXX (Principal's signature)