

DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE POLICY

CONTEXT

The law and society

Obtaining or possessing controlled drugs other than through a doctor's prescription is illegal. Supplying or offering to supply a controlled substance is illegal.

It is an offence under the Licensing Act 1964 to sell alcohol to persons under the age of 18.

The sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 16 years is an offence under the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.

The smoking habit creates health problems for smokers and non-smokers alike. Non-smoking represents the norm in society and receives support from the School and the staff.

Alcohol is a depressant drug particularly when taken in large quantities.

The misuse of solvents accounts for a number of premature deaths amongst children each year.

THE SCHOOL PRINCIPLES, RULES AND GUIDANCE

Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs and Other Items:

You will be liable to expulsion from the School for any serious breach of this rule.

You are forbidden to be under the influence of or to have in your possession while under the jurisdiction of the school or while travelling to and from school:

- ◆ any tobacco or tobacco product
- ◆ any alcoholic liquor
- ◆ any dangerous or classified drug or steroid (unless prescribed and notified to the school nurse)
- ◆ any other harmful substance

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Including Early Years Foundation Stage

POLICY CONCERNING SUBSTANCE USE/MISUSE

- The school is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take action to safeguard their well being.
- The school condemns smoking and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and solvents by its members and the supply of illegal substances to its members.
- Drug misuse damages not only the individuals directly involved but also their families, the school and the wider community.
- Drugs can cause under-achievement, ill health, suffering and even death.
- The Headmaster takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the governing body, parents, and appropriate outside agencies.
- Pupils suspected of being involved in drug-related activities will be subject to a detailed investigation.
- Sanctions will be applied for any infringements of the rules relating to alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other items.
- Offenders should expect the school to inform the police about drug-related incidents.
- Parents can contact the Senior Master for advice if they have concerns about possible drugs involvement by their child.

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