

Drugs Policy

We are strongly committed to reducing the use of illegal and other unauthorized drugs by pupils. The bringing and/or using of such drugs on school-site is completely forbidden and will invoke serious consequences. The drug education curriculum aims to reduce the incidence of drug use by providing accurate and up-to-date information about drugs within a moral framework, which discourages use of drugs and encourages pupils to make informed and responsible decisions. The school is a non-smoking site.

Aims of policy

-  To ensure that the school is a drug free site
-  To support pupils who have drug related problems to enable them to become drug free
-  To educate pupils about the dangers of drugs and empower them to make the right decisions

Implementation

All pupils are informed that we have a zero tolerance policy on drugs, including alcohol, tobacco and new psychoactive substances (NPSs) at the start of the year via PSHE sessions and that breaking this could lead to exclusion, either fixed term or permanent. This includes:

-  Possession
-  Sharing
-  Using
-  Selling
-  Being under the influence after using off-site
-  Accessing drug related websites where not linked to the lesson
-  Drug related conversations where not linked to the lesson or
-  Drug related paraphernalia

There is a clear “No drugs allowed” statement on the website. Pupils are made aware via the PSHE lessons, assemblies and the website to whom they can turn to for help. We signpost (and refer where possible) parents and pupils needing support to the external drugs support services. Drugs awareness modules are taught in PSHE to all pupils, Religion and Philosophy and Science for KS3 and KS4.

All incidents (or perceived incidents) of pupils being under the influence on site must be referred, in the first instance, to the designated Welfare Officer (to ensure the pupil is not at immediate risk) and the Principal/Headteacher or designated senior leader.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy is reviewed by the Principal/Headteacher every three years or as necessary.