



Drugs, Alcohol and Smoking Policy

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Policy on the Unauthorised Use of Drugs, including Alcohol and Tobacco smoking.

1. Scope of Policy	For this Policy unauthorised drugs are substances, other than foods, that affect the body, mind or emotions and which have not been prescribed or recommended by a medical, nursing or pharmaceutical professional. Some will be illegal, but others legal, such as alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances, and drugs that are also available on prescription or as over-the-counter remedies.
2. Aims of the Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that students are educated in matters relating to the use of unauthorised drugs so that they have the knowledge, understanding and decision-making skills a) to protect themselves and others from damage, present or future, arising from this source and b) to be aware of the possible dangers to Society, and to individuals within it. 2. To keep Wood Green School free from incidents involving unauthorised drug use but to ensure that the actions needed to deal with any such incidents are clearly stated and widely disseminated to all who need to know.
3. Principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The curriculum will provide a whole-school approach to educating students about unauthorised drug use. This will include a) imparting accurate information about the drugs and their possible effects, including the related social and medical consequences of their use and b) developing skills and attitudes that will enable informed choices to be made regarding unauthorised drug use, and resisting unhelpful pressures from peers and from the wider media. 2. The aim is that no incidents of unauthorised drug use, or possession, should occur on the school premises, on the way to or from school, or on school trips. 3. Staff and students will be made aware of the legal aspects of the unauthorised use of drugs. 4. Clear procedures will be written and disseminated for the actions to be taken in the event of any unauthorised drug use incident occurring. 5. Appropriate training will be regularly provided for all staff members in relation to the implementation of this Policy and of their function as role models. 6. The school will work closely, and in a variety of ways, with parents/carers and with representatives of the wider community (eg police, health and social workers, local authorities, drugs agencies, self-help groups) in relation to the implementation of the Policy, both in general and in relation to individual students. 7. Where sanctions are needed for breaches of this Policy, they will be consistent with the Behaviour Policy. Permanent exclusion may be warranted for very serious breaches or as a final sanction when all other reasonable steps have been taken. 8. The administration of <u>authorised</u> drugs at school is part of the Health and Safety Policy. All drug issues affecting the welfare of staff also come under the school's Health and Safety policy.
4. Responsibilities and expectations	<p>Governors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree this Policy and to review it every 3 years.

2. To receive regular information on the implementation of the Policy and of any incidents related to unauthorised drug use.
3. Members of the Pupil Disciplinary committee should be aware of the procedures in place for dealing with drug-related incidents.
4. To avail themselves of appropriate training if they need it.

The Head Teacher will ensure that:

1. A planned drug education programme is provided and that it includes knowledge, understanding, attitudes and personal and social skills
2. Clear procedures are in place for preventing drug-related incidents at school, on the way to and from school and on school trips, also for dealing with any incidents that do occur in any of these settings.
3. Staff members are aware of their responsibilities under this Policy.
4. Staff members are provided with appropriate training and guidance so that they have the confidence and the skills both to educate about drugs and to respond to drug-related incidents
5. Students who have concerns about drugs are provided with support, with involvement of parents/carers wherever appropriate and possible.
6. Students are aware of the rules on drugs and the consequences of breaking them
7. Sanctions in relation to breaches of this Policy are consistent with the school's Behaviour policy
8. The school actively co-operates with parents/carers in relation to the unauthorised use of drugs, and also with other agencies including police, health and social workers, drugs agencies, local authorities and self-help groups

The Head of Enrichment will be responsible to the Head Teacher for planning and ensuring the implementation of the drug education programme.

The Heads of Learning Communities will be responsible to the Head Teacher for dealing in the first instance with all incidents of unauthorised drug use relating to students in their charge

All staff members will

1. Play their appropriate parts in implementing the curriculum aspects of the Policy
2. Use every opportunity to promote positive attitudes towards healthy lifestyles and help enable students make healthy and informed choices in relation to the unauthorised use of drugs
3. Help students to identify, and encourage them to use when necessary, appropriate sources of personal support in matters relating to the unauthorised use of drugs
4. Report all incidents of unauthorised drug use to the appropriate Head of Learning Community, or to the Head Teacher, and play whatever part may be necessary in dealing with them according to the Procedures associated with this Policy
5. To attend whatever training may be needed in order that they can comply with their responsibilities as indicated in this Policy

Students will

1. follow the school rules
2. alert the staff to any drug-related incidents on or around the school site or on school trips

	<p>Parents / Carers will be encouraged to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorse the school's approach to drugs education 2. work in partnership with the school to overcome the misuse of drugs
5. Monitoring and evaluation	The Head Teacher will report to Governors every year on the drugs teaching programme and at least annually on the number and nature of drug-related incidents, analysed by gender, ethnicity and year group, including the outcome of disciplinary proceedings.
6. Linked Policies	Health and Safety, Behaviour, Enrichment programme