



Abingdon Prep School

Substance Abuse Policy

This policy applies to all members of Abingdon Prep School including those in the EYFS.

Smoking, Drinking, Drugs

The possession, use or supply of alcohol, tobacco and drugs at Abingdon Preparatory School is absolutely prohibited. Pupils who contravene this rule must expect to face severe sanction.

It is expected that the school will enjoy the full support of all parents in implementing this policy.

Prevention:

The central aim of this policy is to prevent Abingdon Preparatory School pupils from abusing any form of substance and to prevent the spread of misuse within the school. We aim to do so by means of education, pastoral care, detection of users and firm consequences.

Education:

We educate pupils to understand that the use of illegal drugs, tobacco and alcohol is or may be a criminal offence and will be harmful to their health, integrity, independence, opportunities and careers and will damage the society in which they live. We educate through PSHCE lessons, science lessons, section assemblies and visiting speakers in an age appropriate manner.

Pastoral Care:

We encourage the pupils to discuss any anxieties they may have about drugs or substances in confidence with a member of staff or member of the Listening Service. Though matters will be dealt with in a confidential and sensitive manner, a substance related issue may need to be investigated and consequences applied in accordance with the policy and the Behaviour Policy.

Detection:

Every complaint or report of involvement with drugs and substances will be followed up and investigated fully.

Consequences:

Reference should be made to the Behaviour Policy (Prep and Pre-prep). In all cases involving alcohol, tobacco and drugs, a 'Step Three Meeting' will be called in accordance with the Prep Behaviour Policy and a Headmaster's meeting in accordance with Step 5 of the Pre-prep Behaviour Policy.

The following consequences are likely:

- In the case of alcohol and tobacco, first offences could result in temporary exclusion.
- In the case of supply of alcohol and tobacco, first offences could result in permanent exclusion.
- For repeat offences relating to alcohol and tobacco, permanent exclusion is likely.
- In all cases relating to drugs, permanent exclusion is likely.

Parents are asked to note that the entire school and its grounds are designated a 'No Smoking Area.' Smoking is not permitted by staff or visitors.

Assistant Head Pastoral

Deputy Head

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