



Pitsford School

School Policy Document

Name of Policy: Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs Policy

Audience: Public

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SLT Member(s) Responsible for Reviewing and Updating the Policy: CGW/FMK

Alcohol

Mis-use of alcohol is a recognised social problem. There are many families who practise a total abstinence and we respect that stance. Most, however, seek to introduce their children to alcohol within the family context and train them in its responsible use. This is the standpoint which we adopt and consequently there may be some social occasions during their school life when a Sixth Form student may be offered alcohol (not spirits under any circumstances) in the presence of a member of staff. Those situations will always be controlled and students will always be fully briefed as to what they may consume and how they should behave.

Apart from these infrequent and controlled situations, students are not to have contact with alcohol during the normal school day. They are not under any circumstances to bring alcohol into the school premises or consume alcohol in school and they are not to purchase or consume alcohol on any activity organised by the school away from the school premises.

Staff must not encourage or allow students to act contrary to the law of the land, or when abroad, contrary to the laws regarding alcohol consumption in the country they are visiting. For all trips abroad, where the law may allow the consumption of alcohol at a younger than normal age, school rules will prevail. The party leader must state in the information to parents prior to the trip that alcohol may not be consumed on school trips.

Sanctions guidelines

1. Any student found in possession of alcohol on the school premises during the normal school day or on an organised school activity or event will receive a Saturday Detention.
2. Any repetition of such behaviour or a first incident involving the consumption of an excess of alcohol is most likely to result in suspension from school.
3. Any further repetition of the styles of behaviour stated in 1 and 2 may result in expulsion from school.

Tobacco

Tobacco is significantly harmful to virtually all aspects of personal health.

Therefore, we do not condone the acquisition, possession or use of tobacco during the normal school day or at any other time when students are representing the school.

The school is a wholly non-smoking environment.

e-cigarettes or similar devices will be treated in the same way as tobacco products.

Sanctions guidelines

1. Any student found in possession of tobacco or cigarettes will, on the first occasion, be given a Saturday Detention.
2. Following a second offence, a student will be given a further Saturday Detention.
3. Following a third offence, it is likely a student would be suspended from school.
4. Should there be a further offence it is most likely it would result in expulsion.

Drugs and Substance Abuse

Pitsford School prohibits the illegal use of drugs or other substances by members of the School nor the illegal supply of these drugs or substances.

Pitsford School acknowledges the importance of its pastoral role in the welfare of young people and, through the general ethos of the School, will seek to persuade students in need of support to come forward.

Sanctions guidelines

This policy refers to situations either on or off the school premises during the normal school day or on an organised school activity or event.

Pitsford School has a zero-tolerance policy on the use and possession of drugs. Any student found in possession of or under the influence of illegal drugs, following an investigation, may face the most severe penalties up to and including expulsion.