



ALCOHOL, DRUGS and TOBACCO POLICY

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Please Note: This policy template remains current and in line with the statutory guidance contained within Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023.

POLICY STATEMENT

Seadown School tolerates neither the misuse of drugs or alcohol by members of the School nor the illegal supply of these substances. Seadown School is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take action to safeguard their well-being.

Seadown School acknowledges the importance of its pastoral role in the welfare of young people and through formal education and the School's general ethos; it will seek to provide the support pupils need to avoid the problems of substance abuse.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Seadown School believes and supports the following educational aims in respect of drugs and substance use and misuse:

1. To enable pupils to make healthy and informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising decision-making skills.
2. To provide accurate information about substances.
3. To increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse.
4. To widen understanding about related health and social issues.
5. To enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support.

These aims are fulfilled through a programme of education arranged through the established curriculum and the PSHE syllabus. The programme involves pupils of all ages and continues throughout their time at the school.

Pupils can discuss their individual worries with their teachers and support staff or any other member of the Pastoral Team. They can also refer themselves to SLT for individual guidance, without fearing sanctions or adverse report.

The School actively co-operates with other agencies such as the local Police, Social Services, and the SENAT Team to deliver its commitment to drugs education and to deal with incidents of substance use and misuse.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is planned for the academic year and refined with the introduction of our 'Jigsaw' curriculum however we do reserve the ability to change the designated sessions in accordance to current social issues, school led issues and ad hoc safeguarding issues as they occur within Seadown.

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online as these maybe incorrect, biased or discriminatory

The staff team will actively listen and act on pupils feeling, needs and requirements informing the relevant staff teams (pastoral, safeguarding, SLT) as required.

ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTES CONSEQUENCES

Seadown School has a no tolerance approach to the taking of any illegal substance (if under eighteen years of age). Bringing smoking paraphernalia or vaping paraphernalia (inc. cigarettes, lighter, matches, vapes), illegal drugs or alcohol will result in that pupil being sent home for the remainder of the day (if found in the morning) and for the following day (if found in the afternoon). NB Alternative arrangements may be implemented if there are plans in place.

If a pupil is found to be partaking in any of these activities then an immediate temporary exclusion will occur and parent/carers contacted. Parents/carers will be invited to collect the substances or otherwise this will be disposed of safely.

Discussions will be had with all stakeholders and plans implemented that may involve external agencies that offer support and/or counselling to young people in relation to these matters.

A second offence will incur similar, though longer, time to reflect and further efforts will be made to seek help for the pupil(s).

Permanent exclusion is possible if persistent infractions occur and communication will be made to the SENAT Team of the relevant Local Authority as well as the parent/carers and any external agency the school deems appropriate.

Any pupil selling or distributing drugs or otherwise actively encouraging their possession or consumption by others will be permanently excluded.

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