

THE BROXBOURNE SCHOOL

DRUGS POLICY & PROCEDURES

The Assistant Head (Pastoral) is the Drugs Education Officer.

The Governing Body of the school is mindful of its duty to ensure that all members of the school community are able to live and work in a healthy and safe environment

- To that end the Governing Body believe that drugs (as defined below) have no place at the school
- Drugs use is a harmful activity to both an individual and the community and is unacceptable by any member of the school community
- The School will maintain a programme of education and information for students on the dangers of misuse of drugs

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF A DRUGS SEIZURE

All staff will adhere to the following procedures:

- Staff will collect the suspected substance as quickly as possible and inform the Assistant Head (Pastoral) or in their absence the Headteacher or Acting Headteacher
- Staff will place the substance in a secure place and isolate the suspected pupil or pupils
- Senior staff will carry out an investigation of the matter which may include the searching of the school premises, lockers, bags, clothing etc. This search should, wherever possible, be carried out in the presence of an adult witness
- Senior staff will notify the parent/guardian of the pupil at the appropriate time
- Senior staff will inform the police so that they may identify the substance, and senior staff will hand the substance to the police
- In the case of a medical emergency senior staff will notify a qualified First Aider and if necessary call an ambulance. They will notify the parent/guardian immediately
- Senior staff will ensure that signed and detailed written statements are made by all members of staff involved in the incident
- In the case of a fixed term or permanent exclusion follow DfE and County Council guidelines

DEFINITION OF THE TERM 'DRUGS'

The term drugs is used in this policy to refer to the following:

- controlled drugs
- misused prescribed drugs
- psychoactive substances (formerly known as legal highs)
- alcohol
- solvents
- tobacco

Controlled drugs (i.e. drugs that, in the UK, are subject to the restriction of the misuse of Drugs Act 1971. Controlled drugs are classified into three categories: A, B and C)

PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 includes legislation on 'legal highs' stating it is a criminal offence to 'supply, offer to supply or be in possession with the intent to supply.' The possession of any psychoactive substance, use of, having intent to supply, offering to supply or being involved in the supply of any psychoactive substance is unacceptable.

PUPILS IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS

Where it is shown that a pupil is in possession of a drug, the Headteacher may decide upon a range of disciplinary action ranging from internal exclusion to fixed term or permanent exclusion. The Headteacher will take into account the particular circumstances of the pupil, any previous record of misbehaviour and the overall effect of the pupil's actions on the school community.

PUPILS USING DRUGS

Where it is shown that a pupil has used a drug, the Headteacher may decide to permanently exclude the pupil but may decide upon alternative disciplinary action. The Headteacher will take into account the particular circumstances of the pupil, any previous record of misbehaviour and the overall effect of the pupil's actions on the school community.

PUPILS HAVING INTENT TO SUPPLY, OFFERING TO SUPPLY OR BEING INVOLVED IN THE SUPPLY OF DRUGS, OR SUPPLYING DRUGS

Where it is shown that a pupil has had intent to supply, has offered to supply, has been involved in the supply of drugs or has supplied drugs, the Headteacher will in most cases exclude the pupil or pupils permanently. The intent to, offering to, or being involved in, or the supplying of drugs may not necessarily be for financial or other gain.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol is viewed by the Governing Body as a potentially dangerous drug. The possession of alcohol, use of alcohol, having intent to supply alcohol, offering to supply alcohol or being involved in the supply of alcohol is unacceptable. The Headteacher may decide upon a range of disciplinary actions ranging from internal inclusion to a fixed term or permanent exclusion.

SOLVENTS

Some solvents such as aerosols or glues may be brought to school for legitimate use. Solvents are viewed by the Governing Body as potentially dangerous. The possession of solvents for nefarious use, the use of solvents nefariously, having intent to supply solvents for nefarious use, offering to supply solvents for nefarious use or being involved in the supply of solvents for nefarious use or supplying for nefarious use is unacceptable. The Headteacher may decide upon a range of disciplinary actions ranging from internal inclusion to a fixed term or permanent exclusion.

TOBACCO

The Broxbourne School is a no-smoking site for all staff, pupils and visitors. Smoking (which includes vaping and E-cigarettes) is expressly forbidden by pupils on the way to and from school. Pupils who smoke, are in possession of smoking materials, supply smoking materials to other pupils or are associating with pupils who are smoking will be sanctioned in accordance with the school's Behaviour and Discipline Policy. The Headteacher may decide

upon a range of disciplinary actions which may include internal inclusion or a fixed or permanent exclusion.

JURISDICTION

The school's jurisdiction for taking disciplinary action extends to offences which take place on the school site during the school day, during lunchtimes (because it is school policy that all pupils remain on the site and in the care of the school), when pupils are journeying to and from school, whilst pupils are in school uniform or wearing the school dress code or with other pupils wearing school uniform; and while pupils are at an official school activity, or on an official school journey, visit or activity off the school site.

READMISSION

Pupils who are readmitted to class after an internal exclusion, or who are readmitted to school following a fixed term exclusion for any contravention of the Drugs Policy, will be given a Pastoral Support Programme detailing specific support. In the event of that pupil again being found in contravention of this drugs policy, the Headteacher will permanently exclude that pupil.

Luke Sweetland

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