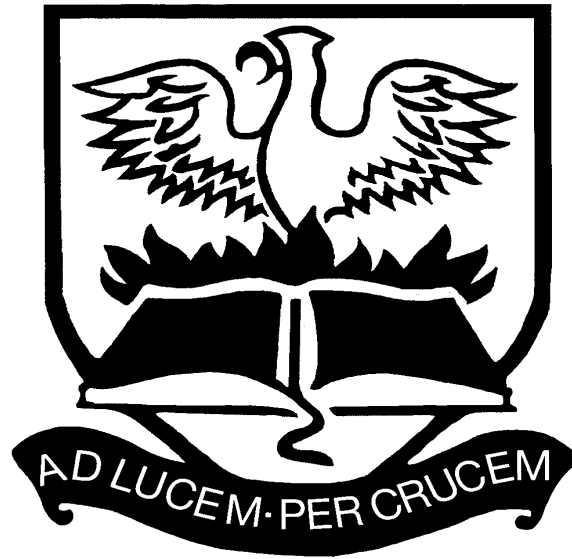


ARCHBISHOP BLANCH SCHOOL



DRUGS POLICY

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DRUGS POLICY

This policy should be taken and used as part of Archbishop Blanch Church of England School's overall strategy and implemented within the context of our Mission Statement and Instrument of Government aims.

As a Church of England School, we accept and respect all members of our community as unique children of God, precious in His sight and of infinite worth.

AIMS OF DRUG EDUCATION

Archbishop Blanch School believes that drug education is an educational entitlement of all students and an integral part of each student's emergence into adulthood. As a school, we aim to:

- provide accurate information about legal and illegal substances
- increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of drug use and misuse
- enable students to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising skills
- widen understanding about related health and social issues, e.g. sex and sexuality, crime, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

The aim of this policy is to clearly communicate to staff, students, parents and visitors

- the manner in which drug education will be delivered
- the disciplinary procedure that will be imposed should a student become involved in an illegal drug-related incident
- the support network available

Other school policies with relevance to the Drug Education Policy are:

- Equal Opportunities
- Child Protection
- Behaviour and Discipline
- Anti-Bullying
- Health and Safety
- PHSE and Citizenship

Glossary:

Where the term "drugs" is used, the term refers to all illegal substances

DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMME

MORAL AND VALUES FRAMEWORK

Students will be encouraged to consider the importance of the following values, which are derived from the school's value system:

- respect and valuing themselves and others
- understanding and sensitivity towards the needs and views of others
- responsibility for their own actions
- responsibility to their family, the school and the wider community

ORGANISATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Drug education is jointly co-ordinated by the school's PHSE Co-ordinators and the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator. They are responsible for the overall planning, implementation and review of the programme.

Delivery is through planned aspects within the Science, PHSE and PE curriculum.

A variety of teaching approaches are used to:

- provide students with relevant information
- enable attitudes to be explored through discussion
- acquire appropriate skills

CONFIDENTIALITY

Students will be made aware that some information cannot be held confidential, and helped to understand that if certain disclosures are made action will ensue. This will be for the benefit of the student/s involved and the wider school community.

TOBACCO & ALCOHOL PRODUCTS

The school adheres to and enforces the Local Authority no smoking policy. The imbibing and/or possession of alcohol on school premises or on school activities is considered a serious offence and will be subject to the school's disciplinary procedures.

DRUGS EDUCATION

YEAR	TOPIC	RESOURCES
7	<p>DRUGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information about Heroin, Cannabis, Ecstasy, Aspirin, Alcohol, Paracetamol, Cocaine, Nicotine and Caffeine <p>ALCOHOL AND SMOKING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consider reasons for and against smoking - Attitudes towards Alcohol 	<p>"Citizenship and PHSE" Book 1 – 'What Does it Do?' p36-37</p> <p>"Citizenship and PHSE" Book 1 – 'Standing up for yourself' p38-39 plus Teachers Guide p56-58</p>
8	<p>DRUGS</p> <p>Cannabis, Cocaine, Ecstasy, Heroin, LSD, Speed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition, street names - Effects and risks of use 	<p>"Citizenship and PHSE" Book 2 – 'Recognising Drugs' p34-35 and information sheets p77-78</p>
9	<p>DELIVERED BY NATIONAL CURRICULUM SCIENCE</p> <p>SMOKING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affects of smoking on the body of nicotine and tar <p>ALCOHOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affects of alcohol on the brain - Alcohol poisoning <p>SOLVENT ABUSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Affects of solvents on all body systems 	<p>Video – "Scientific Eye" Data from Internet</p>
10/11	<p>DRUGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangers of availability in social situations - Dangers of drug taking and mixing drugs including alcohol - Drug abuse in Sport, including smoking and alcohol. 	<p>Video "A Life of Ecstasy"</p> <p>"GCSE PE" and "Sport Examined"</p>

INCIDENTS INVOLVING ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN SCHOOL & ON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

The school recognises the need for a progressive response to an illegal drug related incident and will handle each case individually. We recognise that the future of the student or students involved could be affected by the decision and subsequent action employed.

With this in mind, a hierarchy of disciplinary procedures will be referred to. All incidents will be recorded in the drug incident book retained by the Headteacher and an LEA drug incident form will be completed and forwarded to the appropriate department.

In the event of a drug incident in school the following procedure shall be followed as recommended by the LEA:

Contact LEA Drugs Awareness Officer (**Peter Duggan**) who will:
(Tel: 01744 630601 : Mobile no: 07721391380)

- **liaise on the school's behalf with the police if appropriate**
- provide advice
- test any substances found
- talk to students' parents if necessary
- arrange counselling support if deemed appropriate.

The school's hierarchy of disciplinary procedures is given on page 5.

INCIDENTS OF DRUG POSSESSION OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Educational Visits and Field Trips of ONE DAY duration

Where a student is found in possession of illegal drugs or suspected illegal drugs during a visit or field trip, the following procedures would be adopted:

- immediate confiscation of the substance found
- contact **Mr Peter Duggan** and inform him of the incident
- seek medical advice and present substance
- school informed as soon as practicable and parents subsequently informed
- student to be kept with a member of staff for the rest of the day
- parents to collect student on return from visit or field trip
- the school's drug policy to be activated on the student's return.

Educational Visits or School Holidays of MORE THAN ONE DAY'S duration abroad

- Immediate confiscation.
- Contact Peter Duggan immediately.
- Seek medical advice and present substance.
- In the presence of another member of staff, dispose of the substance down the toilet, unless medical advice differs.
- Inform School as soon as practicable – School will inform parents.
- Student/s to be kept with a member of staff for the rest of the visit or holiday where practicable.
- Parents to collect the student on return from the visit or holiday.
- The school's drug policy to be activated on the student's return

Educational Visits or School Holidays of MORE THAN ONE DAY'S duration in the UK

- Immediate confiscation.
- Contact Peter Duggan immediately.
- Seek medical advice and present substance.
- Inform School as soon as practicable – School will inform parents.
- Student/s to be kept with a member of staff for the rest of the visit or holiday where practicable.
- Parents to collect the student on return from the visit or holiday.
- The school's drug policy to be activated on the student's return.

HIERARCHY OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

	Confiscation	First Aid if needed	Talk to student	Inform parents	Arrange counselling where appropriate	Detention	Exclusion 1 day 3 day longer	Drug Support	Governors	Agreed Contract	Final Warning	Permanent Exclusion
TOBACCO Possession	✓		✓	✓			1 day					
Consumption	✓		✓	✓			1 day					
ALCOHOL Possession	✓		✓	✓	✓		3/5 days					
Consumption	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/5 days					
CLASS C DRUGS* Eg Tranquillisers Possession	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/5 days	✓		✓		
Consumption	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/5 days	✓		✓		
Dealing	✓		✓	✓	✓		10 days or permanent exclusion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLASS B DRUGS* Eg Amphetamines (Speed) Cannabis Possession	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/5 days	✓		✓		
Consumption	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/5 days	✓		✓		
Dealing	✓		✓	✓	✓		10 days or permanent exclusion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLASS A DRUGS* Eg Heroin, Cocaine Possession/Consumption/ Dealing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		10 days or permanent exclusion	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

* Drug classification as per government guidelines <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/drugs/drugs-law/Class-a-b-c/>

Following court proceedings the school would consider re-instating the pupil subject to consideration of the following:

- ◆ The court decision and recommendations
- ◆ Parental and Pupil attitude
- ◆ Other pupils/parents attitudes

If it is deemed inappropriate to reinstate the pupil the school will assist in finding an alternative school placement.

Disciplinary Procedures Agreement

The full policy is available to parents, the LEA and Ofsted on request through the Headteacher.

The Drug Policy will be monitored by the Deputy Head [Pastoral], the PHSE Co-ordinator and the Healthy Schools Co-ordinator.

An annual report will be submitted to Governors and a nominated Governor will have a link role between school and the Governing Body (PHSE Link Governor – Mrs E Mellors).

This policy is due for review in June 2011