

Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs

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1 Policy Statement

Ewell Castle School recognises that pupils will be exposed to drugs, alcohol and tobacco in their lives outside of the School grounds and that education as to the safe and appropriate consumption of alcohol and tobacco is essential for the health and wellbeing of all members of the School community. The School is a no smoking site and drugs are banned. The consumption of alcohol is also banned during the school day, although at some functions and events and on some school trips, alcohol may be consumed according to strict guidelines and in accordance with the law.

The School undertakes education as to the appropriate use and consumption of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and the dangers that this entails through a comprehensive PSHEE programme and through visits by outside speakers for both pupils and parents.

2 Procedure

Alcohol

Alcohol may not be brought into School or consumed during normal school hours and pupils must not be under the influence of alcohol at any time during the school day or when driving to and from School or on school trips or expeditions or when in uniform. However, pupils over the age of 18 may be allowed to consume limited quantities in the company of staff at certain functions and events or on school trips.

Pupils found to be in breach of this rule may be subject to exclusion.

Tobacco

The School operates a no smoking policy throughout the School buildings and grounds, on school trips or at any School event or function. Equally pupils must not smoke in school uniform, which would be bringing the School into disrepute.

Pupils found to be in breach of this rule may be subject to exclusion.

Drugs

The abuse of any substance prohibited by law by pupils in or out of School is not permitted. Pupils found to be supplying or distributing prohibited substances will be in serious breach of School rules and will be subject to permanent exclusion.

The School operates a programme of testing for prohibited substances, by either urine tests or by tests using a saliva sample. These tests will usually only be applied if there is sufficient suspicion that a pupil has been taking or abusing a prohibited substance, although the school reserves the right to test on a random basis. The School will contact, whenever possible, parents or guardians to inform them of testing.

Pupils found to have been taking or abusing a prohibited substance will be offered counselling and a programme of education in addition to that normally undertaken by the school. Pupils found to have been taking or abusing prohibited substances in or out of school may be subject to exclusion.

The School reserves the right to involve the Police if it considers/appears that there may have been a breach in the law.

3 Review and Development

3.1 Procedure

This document, together with the effectiveness of it, is reviewed annually by the Senior Management Team and Governing Board and as events or legislation change requires.

3.2 Links with other Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour for learning Policy
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) Policy
- PSHEE Policies and Schemes of Work
- DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education (2021)