



GRITTLETON HOUSE SCHOOL

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DRUGS POLICY

Curriculum

Drugs education is addressed through relevant aspects of the Science curriculum and is a whole school issue involving all staff thereby ensuring a coherent approach.

The Drugs Education programme aims to encourage students to be aware of external pressures and look at strategies enabling the individual to take responsibility for his/her own decisions thereby reflecting the importance of self-esteem. Students will learn an understanding of the effect and nature of drugs and their possible effects on the user linked to an understanding of the law in relation to drugs and drug taking.

The outline of the dangers of drug involvement will embrace:

- The physical dangers involved in consuming certain substances
- The legal dangers of committing what amounts to criminal acts
- The social dangers of involvement with the criminal drug fraternity

Pastoral Approach

Factors that will be considered are:

- The age of the student concerned
- Whether incidents occurred inside or outside Grittleton House School
- The nature of the drug
- Whether the student involved is using or dealing in illegal substances

Where a student is suspected of being involved in the use / abuse of substances, or is associating with others who might bring him/her into contact with illegal drugs, the Head will meet with the Principal to inform him of the nature of the concerns.

The Headmaster will subsequently make immediate contact with the pupil's parents to make them aware of the causes for concern. Parents will be reminded of the School's policy on drugs. Where appropriate, the Headmaster or Principal will contact the police.

At all times, reference will be made to relevant guidance related to the management of Drug related incidents in schools. The Head and other relevant personnel will have training and specific responsibility to ensure consistent application of this policy within Grittleton House School.

The Headmaster should be informed immediately of any drugs related matters. Individual staff must pass on concerns as outlined above and NOT attempt to deal with incidents on their own.

Sanctions

Relevant legislation and guidelines issued will be considered. **The Head in consultation with the Proprietor reserves the right to recommend the expulsion of any student involved in drug related activities. The bringing of any illegal substance onto School grounds, premises or on a school activity will lead to an automatic recommendation of expulsion.**

In coming to a decision the Head will always consider:

- The welfare of other members of the school community

- The welfare of the pupil in question.
- In making a recommendation the Head will consult with the appropriate members of staff, in particular, members of the Senior Management Team.

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