



Bishop David Brown School

Drugs Policy



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Bishop David Brown School: Drug and Alcohol Policy

Rationale

As part of our duty to promote students' wellbeing the Bishop David Brown School has a clear role to play in preventing drug and alcohol misuse. This role is carried out through an education programme, behaviour management procedures and work with organisations, including the police.

This policy has been developed in consultation with the whole BDB community including students, parents/carers, staff, governors and partner agencies and applies to all students and personnel attending Bishop David Brown School.

Where the policy refers to drugs, this includes alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, medicines, novel psychoactive substances ('legal highs') and volatile substances.

The terms 'drug misuse' is used to refer to drug and or alcohol taking through which harm may occur, whether by intoxication, breach of school rules or the law, or the possibility of immediate injury and/or future health problems. The School is clear in that no illegal or other unauthorised drugs are acceptable within any part of the school and on any other area of school activity, for example trips, fixtures etc.

Related Policies:

- Behaviour
- Supporting Students with Medical Needs
- RSE
- Alternative Provision
- Exclusion

Definition of Drugs

The definition of a drug given by the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime is: "A substance people take to change the way they feel, think or behave". Here, "drugs" and "drug education" is used to refer to:

- all illegal drugs (those controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)
- all legal drugs, including alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances (those giving off a gas or vapour which can be inhaled), ketamine, khat, alkyl nitrites (known as poppers) and new psychoactive drugs ('legal highs')
- all over-the-counter and prescription medicines

Purpose of the Policy

- To ensure that all students receive a comprehensive and effective drug and alcohol programme that will support them in making good choices throughout their lives.
- To provide guidance and support to parents and students with regards to drugs and alcohol.
- Support the personal, social and health needs of all pupils with regards to drugs and alcohol.
- To outline strategies regarding the management of drug and alcohol incidents at Bishop David Brown School.
- To make explicit the role of all stakeholders in upholding the policy.

1. Drug education in the curriculum

Drug education aims to give students the facts and the knowledge to make informed and responsible choices, now and later in life, and to emphasise the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. We will:

- provide accurate information about drugs and the law relating to them
- increase students' understanding of the implications and possible consequences of the use and misuse of drugs
- provide opportunities to examine attitudes and values towards drug use
- enable students to identify sources of appropriate personal support

Drug education is provided within the wellbeing and PSHE programmes of study at Key Stage 3 and 4. Please see RSE policy.

2. Management of drugs at Bishop David Brown School and on offsite visits

The possession, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs within the Schools boundaries* is forbidden.

*School boundaries refers to the School campus and any School off-site activity

Smoking: The school campus is a smoke-free site and breaches of this are dealt with through the Behaviour Policy. Students and staff are not permitted to smoke during offsite activities. This includes e-cigarettes.

The Pastoral Team will provide information, support and advice to students who wish to quit smoking.

Alcohol: It is forbidden for students to bring alcohol onto School premises and/or to consume alcohol at any time whilst they are under the care of the School. Breaches of this are dealt with through the Behaviour Policy.

Medicines: Following a parent/carer request, the School will store prescribed medicines and administer them as necessary to the appropriate students. All such medicines will be kept under supervised conditions as stated in the Supporting Students with Medical Needs Policy.

Searching and confiscation: When a person is suspected of concealing illegal or other unauthorised drugs or alcohol

1. Every effort will be made to persuade the person to voluntarily hand over any drugs or substance, in the presence of a second adult witness
2. If the student refuses to hand over suspected drugs, consent will be sought from parent/carer to search the student's belongings and outer clothing* in the presence of a second adult witness (*outer clothing refers to all clothing with the exception of underwear)
3. Where the individual refuses and the drug is believed to be illegal, the police will be called
4. Where searches are necessary, they must be authorised by the Head of School or Assistant Heads of School and will be conducted in such a way as to minimise potential embarrassment or distress
5. Staff may search School property, for example, students' lockers if they believe drugs and or alcohol or other unauthorised items to be stored there. Prior consent will be

sought but individuals will be made aware that if consent is refused the School may proceed with a search.

6. After any search for drugs or alcohol involving students, parents/carers will be contacted regardless of whether the result of the search is positive or negative

Testing: When a person is suspected to be under the influence of illegal or other unauthorised drugs alcohol or substances

1. Every effort will be made to persuade or encourage the individual to be truthful about whether they are under the influence of any drugs or substance, in the presence of a second adult witness
2. If the individual does not co-operate and the suspicion is they are under the influence of a controlled substance, consent will be sought from parent/carer to test the individual in the presence of a second adult witness (*by administering an approved saliva test or breathalyser test)
3. Where the individual/parent refuses to consent the School will deem this an admission of being under the influence of a drug or other inappropriate substance.
4. When permission is gained the saliva test and or breathalyser is conducted in the presence of two adults.
5. When a test that is carried out indicates the individual is under the influence of drugs and or alcohol they will be dealt with in conjunction with relevant policies and protocols.
6. Any administered test will be placed in an envelope which will be signed by the two witnesses and kept in a secure location within the School.

Responding to drug/alcohol incidents

Drug/alcohol incidents include suspicions, observations, disclosures or discoveries of situations involving illegal and other unauthorised drugs and/or alcohol and are likely to fit into the following categories:

- a) Alcohol and/or drugs or associated paraphernalia are found on school premises
- b) a student is found in possession of alcohol and/or drugs or associated paraphernalia
- c) a student is found to be supplying alcohol and/or drugs on school premises
- d) a student, parent/carer or staff member is thought to be under the influence of drugs
- e) a student discloses that they or a family member/friend are misusing drugs.

For any alcohol or drug incident, the utmost priority is placed on safety, meeting any medical emergencies with first aid and summoning appropriate help.

The response/outcome will balance the needs of the individual with those of the wider community and will be determined after a full and careful investigation. Sanctions are laid out in the Behaviour Policy.

1. Students at risk

The School will work with outside agencies, including the Local Authority (LA), various community services and the police, as appropriate; to support any students considered to be at risk of drug misuse. This additional provision will support the drug education programme.

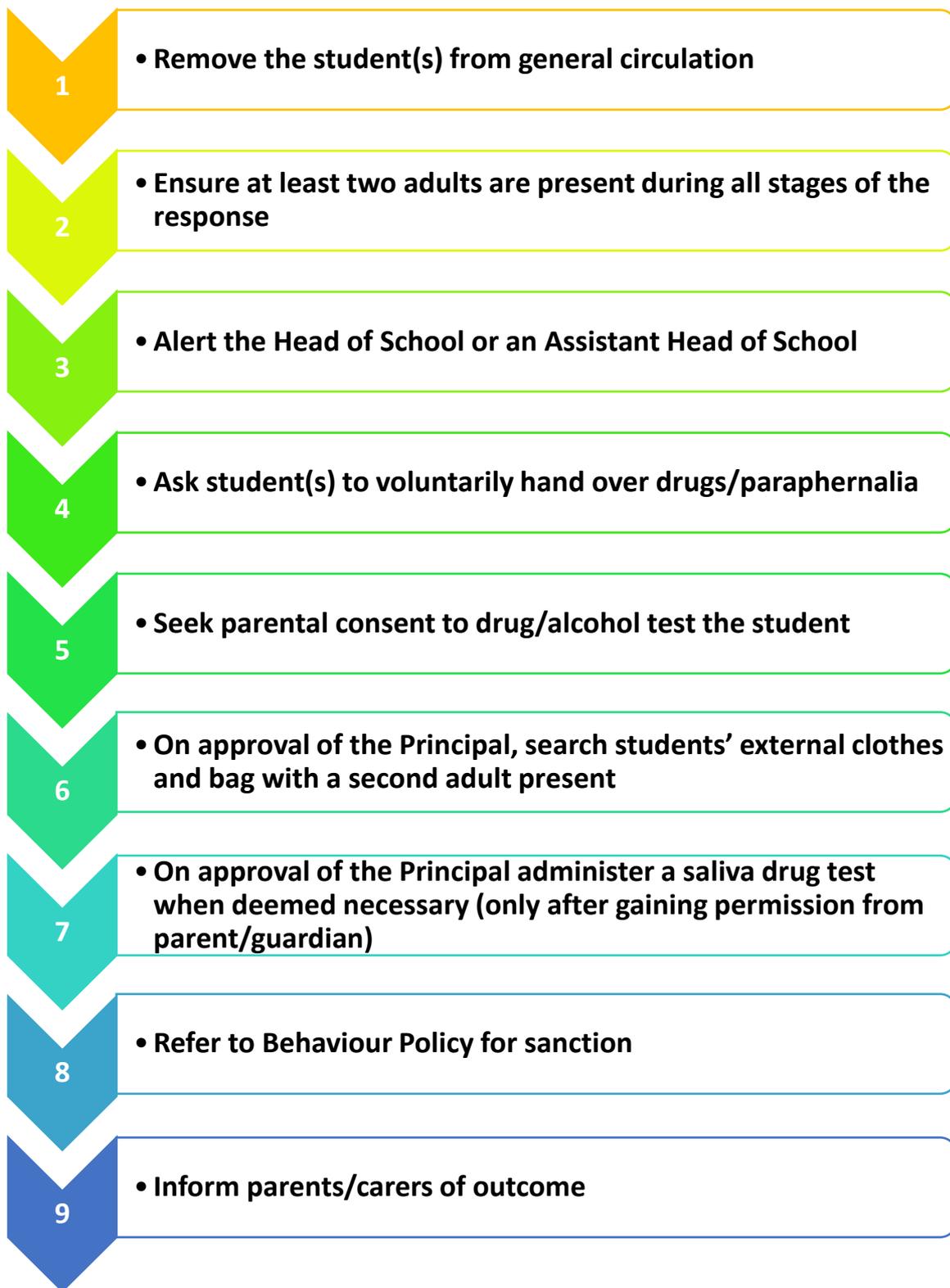
2. Roles and responsibilities

- The Head of School has responsibility for the management of drug incidents

- All incidents, including suspicions, must be relayed to the Head of School immediately
- The Head of School will determine whether police involvement is appropriate
- Staff involved in the immediate incident must supervise all students potentially involved and, where possible, sit each student with an adult in a separate area
- Total confidentiality must not be promised but students should be informed that all information will be handled sensitively and will only be passed on when unavoidable
- In exceptional circumstances, if a student's safety is under threat, the Head of School will invoke a local child protection procedure

Appendix 1

Drug incident - immediate response



Appendix 2 : Department for Education “Searching, screening and confiscation Advice for headteachers, school staff and governing bodies”

Searching:

- School staff can search a pupil for any item if the pupil agrees (The ability to give consent may be influenced by the child’s age or other factors)

- Headteachers and staff authorised by them have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item.

Prohibited items are:

- knives or weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen items
- tobacco and cigarette papers
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used:
 - to commit an offence, or
 - to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil).
- Headteachers and authorised staff can also search for any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

Confiscation:

- School staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item, they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline.

Appendix C – Useful information

Addaction is one of the UK's largest specialist drug and alcohol treatment charities. As well as adult services, they provide services specifically tailored to the needs of young people and their parents. The Skills for Life project supports young people with drug misusing parents. Website: www.addaction.org.uk

Alcohol Concern works to reduce the incidence and costs of alcohol-related harm and to increase the range and quality of services available to people with alcohol-related problems
Tel: 020 7264 0510. Email: contact@alcoholconcern.org.uk Website:
www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) A campaigning public health charity aiming to reduce the health problems caused by tobacco. Tel: 020 7739 5902 Email: enquiries@ash.org.uk
Website: www.ash.org.uk

Children's Legal Centre operates a free and confidential legal advice and information service covering all aspects of law and policy affecting children and young people. Tel: 01206 877910 Email: clc@essex.ac.uk Website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Children's Rights Alliance for England - A charity working to improve the lives and status of all children in England through the fullest implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Email: info@crae.org.uk Website: www.crae.org.uk

Drinkaware - An independent charity that promotes responsible drinking through innovative ways to challenge the national drinking culture, helping reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol related harm. Tel: 020 7307 7450 Website: www.drinkaware.co.uk/

10 Drinkline - A free and confidential helpline for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's drinking. Tel: 0800 917 8282 (lines are open 24 hours a day) Drug Education Forum – this website contains a number of useful papers and briefing sheets for use by practitioners: Website: www.drugeducationforum.com/

DrugScope is a centre of expertise on illegal drugs, aiming to inform policy development and reduce drug-related risk. The website includes detailed drug information and access to the Information and Library Service. DrugScope also hosts the Drug Education Practitioners Forum. Tel: 020 7520 7550 Email: info@drugscope.org.uk Website: www.drugscope.org.uk

FRANK is the national drugs awareness campaign aiming to raise awareness amongst young people of the risks of illegal drugs, and to provide information and advice. It also provides support to parents/carers, helping to give them the skills and confidence to communicate with their children about drugs. 24 Hour Helpline: 0800 776600 Email: frank@talktofrank.com Website: www.talktofrank.com

Mentor UK is a non-government organisation with a focus on protecting the health and wellbeing of children and young people to reduce the damage that drugs can do to their lives. Tel: 020 7739 8494. Email admin@mentoruk.org Website: www.mentoruk.org.uk

National Children's Bureau promotes the interests and well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives. Tel: 020 7843 6000 Website: www.ncb.org.uk
Family Lives - A charity offering support and information to anyone parenting a child or teenager. It runs a free-phone helpline and courses for parents, and develops innovative projects. Tel: 0800 800 2222 Website: <http://familylives.org.uk/>

Re-Solv (Society for the Prevention of Solvent and Volatile Substance Abuse) A national charity providing information for teachers, other professionals, parents and young people. Tel: 01785 817885 Information line: 01785 810762 Email: information@re-solv.org Website: www.re-solv.org

Smokefree - NHS Smoking Helpline: 0800 169 0 169 Website: <http://smokefree.nhs.uk>

Stars National Initiative offers support for anyone working with children, young people and families affected by parental drug and alcohol misuse. Website: www.starsnationalinitiative.org.uk

Youth Offending Teams – Local Youth Offending Teams are multi-agency teams and are the responsibility of the local authority, who have a statutory duty to [prevent offending by young people under the age of 18. Website: <https://www.gov.uk/youth-offending-team>

Appendix 3 RSE/ PSHE Programme of Study at Bishop David Brown School

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| Autumn Term | Intro to PSHE | Intro to PSHE | Intro to PSHE | Intro to PSHE | Intro to PSHE |
| | Intro to health | Target setting | Knife Crime | Employers and CV's. | Importance of happiness |
| | Introduction to mental health issues. | Managing behaviour | Knife Crime continued | Choosing careers | Risk taking |
| | Managing Anger | Emotional Literacy | Acid Attacks | Preparing for work experience | Relationship types |
| | Exercise and keeping active | Self confidence | Law and Young Offenders | Rights and responsibilities in the work place | Consent, rape and sexual abuse. |
| | Puberty: What happens when | Mindfulness/ positive mental health | CSE- Child Exploitation. | Study skills: Mind and memory | Relationships and break ups |
| | Diet and Nutrition | Looking after ourselves in an emergency | Peer pressure. | Time management | Harassment and stalking |
| | Consequences of poor eating | British Values | Interpersonal skills. | Different types of parents | Bullying- Body shaming |
| | Food labels and health hazards. | Stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice: Disability focus | Growth mindset for success. | Healthy/ Unhealthy relationships with role models | Revenge porn: What are the dangers? |
| | Road safety | Stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice: Religion focus | Self-discipline- school and work | Arranged/ forced marriages | Gambling and online gambling |
| | Energy Drinks: What is the harm? | Stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice: Teens and media focus | Employability skills | Same sex relationships | Body positivity |
| | Dangers of cigarettes and alcohol | LGBTQ+ Homophobia | Skills for the workplace | Revenge porn: what is it and how to we prevent ourselves from becoming victims? | Personal safety in the wider world |
| | Dangers of cigarettes and alcohol | Age Discrimination | Enterprising | Harassment and stalking | Perseverance vs procrastination |
| | Danger of drugs | Bullying | Successful businesses and entrepreneurs | Managing conflict | Importance of sleep |
| | ENRICHMENT DAY ONE | Law and life skills | Diversity Day | Skills for success | Healthy relationships |
| ENRICHMENT DAY TWO | Body and Mind | Healthy Living Day | Staying Safe and Knowing the Law. | Careers and Employability. | Relationships and Health Education. |