



HARVINGTON PREP SCHOOL

DRUGS POLICY

The school condones neither the misuse of drugs, volatile substances, alcohol and tobacco nor the illegal supply of these substances.

AIMS:

- 1 To provide accurate information about substances
- 2 To increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse
- 3 To enable pupils to make healthy and informed choices by increasing knowledge
- 4 To promote understanding about related health and social issues
- 5 To provide pupils with a sound knowledge of the above enabling them to have confidence to refuse to become involved in the misuse of substances.

The above aims are fulfilled by teaching in the science curriculum, pastoral teaching (form time) PHSCE curriculum and through extra-curricular opportunities.

PROCEDURE:

To be followed in the case of any substances being found on the premises e.g. tobacco, alcohol or drugs.

- 1 The Headmistress is to be notified immediately and the pupil / pupils interviewed
- 2 The Headmistress will then exercise her discretion as to the appropriate procedure.

In the event of a pupil being suspected of possessing or having misused a harmful substance:

- 1 The form teacher and principle first aider will be informed and will observe the pupil

In the case of confirmation, the Headmistress will:-

- 1 See the pupil – keep the pupil segregated at least until the Headmistress has informed parents or guardians
- 2 On the same day contact parents and tell them the facts and the dangers of the situation and that she intends to invite them to a ‘response’ meeting where appropriate help and action will be planned
- 3 Depending on the findings, decide whether to involve the police
- 4 Convene a meeting with pupil, parents, the Headmistress and any other relevant person
- 5 Inform the governing body
- 6 Decide on action appropriate to the individual circumstances e.g. suspension, expulsion. In the event of an illegal drug being identified the pupil will be expelled.

In terms of managing medicines please see separate policy ‘First Aid and Medicines’.