

# AYLESBURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## DRUGS POLICY

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### Context

This policy was developed by a sub-committee of the governing body and senior staff of the school, and the Buckinghamshire County Council Drugs Education consultant. It is regularly updated by the Headmaster and Governing Body.

The scope of this policy includes:

- illegal (classified) drugs
- alcohol
- tobacco
- all other substances which may be similarly abused.

### Drug Education Policy

Drug education will be taught partly via the science curriculum for students up to Year 11, and throughout the school via the Personal, Social, Citizenship, Health and Enterprise Education (PSHCEE) curriculum. Drugs issues will be addressed in PSHCEE and in assemblies throughout the school.

The school believes that if young people are not given accurate information about drugs in school, they will obtain possibly dangerous misinformation from elsewhere, so it is the duty of the school to inform them. The drug education syllabus will be revised from time to time, but will accord with the following principles, which all staff are required to follow:

- the legal context of illegal drugs and other substances will be made clear, including prohibitions and maximum punishments
- the zero-tolerance stance of the school towards illegal drugs and other substances while under the school's jurisdiction will be emphasised
- realistic information on the effects and potential effects (physical, psychological and social) of illegal drugs and other substances, will be given
- information about how drugs are obtained or used will not be given.

Students may be encouraged to research and debate issues, examining both sides of controversial questions, but staff, whatever their private opinions, will clearly uphold these principles.

### Support for students

The school works with external agencies to provide support and education for students about the effects of illegal drug and other substance abuse. The School Nurse, Addaction Drop in sessions and other counsellor support will provide support for students.

### Sanctions for drug offences

The school's jurisdiction covers students from the time they start from home to travel to school until they arrive home after school, and also covers all school-related events and visits. When the welfare of a student, of other students and staff is compromised, this jurisdiction may also cover actions taken by students when they are not at school or a school related event. While under the school's

jurisdiction, no pupil may at any time be in possession of a classified drug, alcohol, tobacco or other substance which, may be similarly abused. The school reserves the right to work with external agencies to prevent and to search for illegal substances on school site or in the possession of a student or member of staff whilst under the jurisdiction of the school. The school reserves the right, in accordance with the current legal guidance and the School's Behaviour Policy, to exclude any student breaching this prohibition, even for a first or one-off offence. Students selling or supplying illegal drugs whilst under the jurisdiction of the School will be permanently excluded. Other offences and behaviours related to illegal drugs and other substances will be sanctioned in accordance with the School's Behaviour Policy.

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