



Grove School

Policy for dealing with drug related incidents

Mission statement:

“Enjoy, learn, achieve”

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Managing a drug related incident

At Grove School we do not condone the misuse of drugs, including alcohol. We are committed to tackling drug misuse among young people and that any instances of possession, use or supply of illegal drugs on school premises will be regarded with the most seriousness. This policy applies to everyone in school, including staff, parents and visitors and in out of school activities e.g. residential visits.

A **Aims of the policy**

- To acknowledge and clarify the role of school in drug prevention and drug education
- To provide information about procedures in response to any drug related incident for all adults in school

B **Definition**

Drugs are those that are legal, such as alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes and solvents, over the counter and prescribed drugs and illegal drugs, such as cannabis, ecstasy, heroin and crack/cocaine. The possession and/or the use of drugs in school or during the school day is not acceptable.

Drugs are not permitted to be brought, sold or otherwise obtained on school premises or during the school day, including when pupils are on educational visits.

Exceptions may be made for pupils who need to take prescribed medicines.

C **Drugs education at Grove**

At Grove drugs education is planned as part of the Science curriculum and PSHE curriculum.

The curriculum develops knowledge, understanding, attitudes and personal and social skills to enable pupils to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, exploring their own and other people's attitudes.

D Use of substances and misuse on school premises

- Grove School is a no smoking site at all times, in line with Birmingham City Council policy and national guidelines
- Alcohol and tobacco and e-cigarettes are not allowed on school premises
- Pupils are not allowed to be in possession of, or use of, tobacco, e-cigarettes, alcohol, matches, lighters, products that can be sniffed or any illegal drug at any time.

E Use of substances and misuse on school premises

- If you suspect misuse of substances or supply on the school premises, you must inform a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)
- The Head/Deputy will inform parents at the earliest opportunity. School and parents can work together to support pupils
- If a pupil admits to using or supplying substances off the premises, the adult should inform a member of the SLT. The Head/Deputy will inform the parent of the child concerned. It is most important that the child is seen individually away from peers and a calm atmosphere maintained
- There is no legal obligation to inform the Police. Although school cannot knowingly allow its premises to be used for the production and supply of any drug
- The Head will inform the governing body of any drug related incident
- The Head will follow the Birmingham City Council Policy on Drug and Alcohol Misuse regarding welfare of staff
- The Head will inform school and governor support and seek advice from them when dealing with drug related incidents
- Any alcohol or unauthorised drug found will be confiscated and, in the presence of a witness, put in the school safe
- School may contact Safety Services to inform them and seek advice
- We will consult and advise parents of additional support a family may want such as, Drug Concern 01481 729000 and Public Health England, West Midlands.