

# Drugs and Drugs Education Policy

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safeguarding and promoting the welfare of

## 2. Definitions

A drug is a substance that affects the way in which the body functions physically, emotionally or mentally.

substances such as: alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances (those giving off a gas or vapour which can be inhaled), over the counter or prescription medicines and new psychoactive substances.

Drugs Paraphernalia refer to items such as cannabis grinders, rolling papers, filters, matches, lighters, pipes and vapes.

## 3. students

TBGS has a zero-tolerance attitude towards the possession, use or supply, of illegal and other unauthorised drugs. The school is committed to safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community.

In providing drugs education and responding to incidents involving drugs, our first concern is the safeguarding and pastoral care of students.

Drugs as defined within this policy are not authorized on school premises, or on school trips and excursions, including residential in the U.K or abroad.

genuine health reasons), are only permitted with written authorisation from parents/carers, or guardians, in line with our medicines policy.

## 4. Responding to drug related incidents

A drug incident may be any of the following:

Finding drugs, or related paraphernalia, on school premises

Possession of drugs by an individual on school premises

Use of drugs by an individual on school premises

Supply of drugs on school premises

Individuals disclosing information about their drug use

Student reports of parents, staff or other students using drugs

Hiding drugs in or around the school premises for later collection (by themselves or by third parties)

Glamorising or encouraging the use of drugs and other substances





The school may also impose sanctions on a student for misusing drugs at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misuse:

- could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
- could adversely affect the reputation of the school.

In line with Behaviour & Discipline policy the school may impose sanctions on a student for misusing drugs outside schools when students are:

- taking part in any school-organised or school-

- finding information, help and advice
- devising problem-solving and coping strategies
- developing and maintaining self-awareness and self-esteem in order to motivate them to value their welfare and conscientious care of themselves

udes towards drugs, drug use and drug users, including challenging stereotypes, and exploring media and social influences.

To ensure that students have access to and knowledge of up-to-date information as sources of help. This includes local and national helplines (including FRANK for drugs, NHS Smoking Services for tobacco and Drinkline for alcohol), local youth and community and alcohol education.



**ADFAM** offers information to families of drug and alcohol users, and the website has a database of local family support services. Tel: 020 7553 7640 Email: [admin@adfam.org.uk](mailto:admin@adfam.org.uk)  
Website: [www.adfam.org.uk](http://www.adfam.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  
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