



Archbishop Beck Catholic Sports College

Drugs Policy

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The aim of this policy is to acknowledge and clarify the colleges' role in drug prevention and education and ensure it is appropriate to students' needs. The policy provides information and guidance about drug education, as well as procedures to respond to any drug-related incident, for students, teachers, support-staff and outside agencies or individuals. The policy aims to ensure that the approach taken on the issue of drugs is a whole-college one and is part of our commitment to and concern for the health and well-being of the whole college community.

This policy aims to make clear procedures for responding to and managing drug-related incidents. Sanctions for incidents will be consistent with the college's behaviour policy. As a matter of course, all staff, parents / carers and students are reminded of this policy on an annual basis. This policy applies at all times to the college premises, college transport as well as college visits / trips / fieldwork / residential trips etc.

Drug Education

The college provides a planned drug education curriculum through a range of different subjects ensuring that students are taught that abuse of alcohol, solvents, tobacco and other drugs affects their health and that the body's natural defences may be enhanced by immunisation and medicines. Students are also taught that smoking affects lung structure and gas exchange. Students are made aware of the effects of solvents, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs on body functions.

Other discretionary topics will be delivered through a programme of 'Enrichment' and will reflect the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and social skills that will enable students to make healthy, informed choices, promote positive attitudes to healthy lifestyles and provide accurate information about substances.

On the whole, it will be teachers who will teach drug education but, where appropriate, outside visitors may make a contribution. Such visitors should be used in a planned way and their contributions evaluated. Teachers will have access to on-going advice, support and training as part of their own professional development. The college actively cooperates with agencies such as the LA, police, health and drug agencies.

Statutory duty of the college

The head teacher takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the governing body, parents, LA and appropriate outside agencies. The head teacher will ensure that all staff dealing with substance issues are adequately supported and trained. A college cannot knowingly allow its premises to be used for the supply of any controlled drug (e.g. the preparation of, or smoking of cannabis). Where it is suspected that substances are being sold on the premises, details regarding those involved will be passed to the police.

Implementation of the policy

In incidents involving substance misuse or supply on the premises/during the college day, and following discussion with the student and staff, action will proceed as outlined in Appendix 1. It should be noted here that, when dealing with drug-related incidents, the college has adopted the procedures as laid out in 'Drugs: Guidance for Colleges' (DfE) and that all staff, parents/carers and students will be reminded of these procedures on an annual basis.

In cases of substance use / misuse or supply on the premises, during the college day or during college visits etc, the case will be discussed with the young person and a written record taken as outlined in Appendix 2. **This discussion will take place between the student and Mr N Davidson (if he is unavailable then a member of the senior leadership team). Prior to discussing the incident with the student Mr Davidson (or senior leader) will speak to the member of staff who has reported the incident, directly.** Parents / carers will be informed by the college as soon as possible. The support of outside agencies will be sought if appropriate. If a young person admits to using or supplying substances off the premises, the appropriate action will be to inform the substance coordinator Mr Davidson, who will inform the parents / carers. The head teacher will also be immediately informed.

While there is no legal obligation to inform the police, they may also be involved at the discretion of the Headteacher in consultation with governors and staff who know the young person well. The college works closely with our police liaison officer and will usually involve her in such matters. The college will consider each incident individually and will employ a range of responses to deal with each incident. The Headteacher will take responsibility for liaison with the media, where required.

Useful contacts:

www.drugscope.org.uk

www.drugeducation.org.uk

www.nc.uk.net

www.drugs.gov.uk

www.talktofrank.com