



KING EDWARD VI SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON

Substance Abuse Policy

Rationale:	This policy sets out the Schools position on harmful substances to ensure clarity for pupils, parents and staff.
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For the purpose of this policy, both illegal drugs and so-called 'legal highs' shall be referred to as 'harmful substances'. Other substances that can cause harm, such as alcohol and tobacco, are dealt with in the School Regulations.

- 1.1 The possession, manufacture or use of harmful substances is expressly forbidden for any student at the School.
- 1.2 This policy applies for the duration of every student's time at the School, including evenings, weekends and holidays.
- 1.3 Any student found in possession of harmful substances, or found to be under the effect of such substances, whilst on School property or engaged in a School activity, including School trips and visits, should expect to be permanently excluded from the School.
- 1.4 Under some circumstances, a student who is found to have used harmful substances whilst not under the direct supervision of the School may be temporarily, rather than permanently, excluded.
- 1.5 A student found to be supplying harmful substances must expect to be permanently excluded and the Police will be informed.
- 1.6 The School reserves the right to subject any student to biological testing, under medical supervision, if there is a reasonable suspicion that they have used harmful substances. The Head's power to conduct such tests is contained within the Parent Contract.
- 1.7 Should a student be temporarily excluded for using harmful substances, they should expect to undertake regular random biological tests to confirm they have not subsequently used such substances.
- 1.8 A positive test, or the refusal to submit to such a test, will likely lead to further disciplinary procedures, which may result in permanent exclusion.
- 1.9 A sample or test will not form part of a pupil's permanent medical record.
- 1.10 The School recognises its duty to educate students about harmful substances and addiction, and such education is a part of the PSHE programme.
- 1.11 Individual education from specialists in the field will also be provided for students who are struggling to comply with the School's substance abuse policy. Such education is likely to form part of the agreement for any student who is temporarily excluded for breaching this policy.

Further information:

National Drugs Helpline <http://www.ndh.org.uk>