



## ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND LEGAL INHALED SUBSTANCE (VAPING) POLICY

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This is a whole school policy which includes the EYFS.

This policy relates to the possession and use of Alcohol, Tobacco and other legal Inhaled recreational drugs and applies to all staff at Hazlegrove Preparatory School. The policy may also apply at times when a pupil is not in the care of the School. The procedures and sanctions may be adapted as appropriate to meet the policy aims and circumstances of each case.

The central aims of this policy are:

- To promote safety and welfare.
- To reduce the risk of alcohol-induced misconduct in and out of school and deter the use of tobacco and other legal inhaled substances among the pupil body.

We have health education and PSHE programmes at Hazlegrove that focus upon the potential risks from excessive consumption of alcohol and risks of smoking/vaping. They concentrate on teaching the importance of young people making healthy, informed choices. The programmes involve pupils of all ages and continue throughout your child's time at the school. They extend across the curriculum, involving PSHE, Science and Drama lessons.

Our Medical staff play an active role in promoting greater awareness about the risks involved and will offer informed medical advice. Pupils can discuss their individual worries about drinking and smoking with their tutor. They can also refer themselves to the School Nurse for individual guidance, without fearing sanctions or adverse report. We invite parents and guardians to meetings and are very conscious of the importance of working together in order to promote the well-being of your son or daughter.

Bringing alcohol, tobacco or other legal inhaled substances onto school premises or being in unsupervised possession of any of the above or obtaining or supplying any of the above to another, being impaired by alcohol while on school premises or in the care of the school is forbidden. Bringing the school into disrepute for any reason associated with alcohol, tobacco or other substance, whether or not the pupil is in the care of the school at the time, will be treated with the utmost seriousness.

We do not allow the pupils at Hazlegrove to bring alcohol, tobacco or other legal inhaled substances onto the premises, or to consume any of these substances on the journey to or from school. This rule applies to all school trips and visits, whether in this country or overseas, irrespective of whether or not pupils are wearing school uniform at the time.

Hazlegrove is a public place; smoking is therefore illegal for everyone, including staff and visitors.

We will offer wine to parents and guardians at certain formal events, including plays and concerts to which they are invited. Pupils are provided with squash or water and a snack.

Pupils caught breaching these guidelines on alcohol or who are caught smoking/vaping can expect to be suspended and for their parents or guardians to be invited to the school in order to discuss the matter. A pupil may be referred for a session of counselling where we have reason to believe that he or she has issues with either alcohol or tobacco, for example, when there are repeated infringements.

Members of staff must not drink alcohol or serve alcohol during the school working hours without the permission of the Head and the Chairman of the Board of governors.

School Trips: Staff are representatives of the School and wider Foundation and as such they are expected to act professionally and in a manner consistent with such expectations. A modest amount of alcohol may be taken with an evening meal on a school trip as long as proper provision has been made to ensure adequate supervision of children on the trip.