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Dear Parent/Carer

School Policy on Illegal Substances

Schools can sometimes find themselves at the forefront of society's increasing problems with substance abuse. It may be helpful and reassuring at the start of the academic year for parents and carers to be reminded of the school's work as part of our behaviour policy in this regard.

The key point within the policy on this area we would like to stress is as follows:

Procedures regarding illegal substances and alcohol:

Each case will be judged on its circumstances but:

'This is against the law, and will result in permanent exclusion except in exceptional circumstances. Students will be searched if an adult has reason to believe that they may be in possession of banned substances. Refusal may involve the police. Any items will be confiscated, destroyed or handed to the police who are in any event likely to be informed.'

It should also be noted that the smoking of 'real' or e-cigarettes is not permitted. Any smoking equipment brought into school will be confiscated.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the policy, please contact either your son or daughter's Head of House or Mrs Kate Rowlands, Deputy Headteacher. A copy of our behaviour policy is on the school website for information.

Our work in this area is designed to educate our young people but also to reassure parents and carers that we cannot, and will not, tolerate behaviour from individuals which poses a threat to the health and wellbeing of others.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

Mr P Heath
Chair of Governors