

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL

DRUGS POLICY

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Mission Statement

St Peter's RC High School is a community founded on mutual love and care for the individual in which the Faith of the Church underpins all our activities. Christ is our model in striving for excellence in all that we do and in valuing the unique contribution and gift of every member of our school community. St Peter's is committed to working with home and parish to enable all pupils to succeed in life.



St Peter's Drugs Policy follows the Manchester Drugs Policy Guidelines and operates within the Statutory, Legislative and Local Policy framework.

RATIONALE

Everyone at St Peter's views misuse of drugs as a very serious issue. All staff, pupils, parents, families, carers and visitors should be aware that misuse of drugs will not be tolerated at the school and that we strive to ensure that St Peter's is a safe, supportive and understanding environment for all our pupils and staff. All incidents of misuse of drugs will be dealt with in a professional, consistent and positive manner.

AIM

To provide a positive and safe climate where everyone understands and promotes the belief that the use and misuse of drugs is unacceptable. St Peter's is committed to the health and safety of all pupils and will take action to safeguard their well-being.

DEFINITION OF DRUGS

In the definition of the Policy 'DRUGS' are defined broadly and includes any substances that have the potential to affect how a person thinks, feels or behaves. This includes legal as well as illicit drugs, medicines, tobacco, alcohol and solvents.

PREVENTATIVE ACTION

- Drugs education delivered through curriculum areas mainly access and science
- Drugs policy promoted throughout the curriculum
- The role of the pastoral care system within the school is very important and incidents must be reported to a senior member of staff
- Involvement of school nurse and other outside agencies
- Staff training to include all support staff
- Monitoring and evaluation of the current policy
- Letter to parents explaining policy and encouraging feedback

DEALING WITH DRUG-RELATED INCIDENTS

Pupils found in possession of drugs or sharing drugs with others:

- a) all incidents are to be reported to a senior member of staff and a report form completed
- b) accurate records are to be kept at all stages
- c) the drugs involved will be safely dealt with by a Senior Member of Staff
- d) parents/carers will be informed of the nature of the incident and the drugs involved and invited into school to discuss the incident
- e) a full review of each incident must be held, involving senior members of staff. If it is thought appropriate, outside agencies will also be involved
- f) support will be offered to the pupil either by staff from St Peter's or by outside agencies, as is appropriate.

Pupils supplying drugs to others for gain:

- a) all incidents are to be reported to a senior member of staff and a report form completed
- b) accurate records are to be kept at all times
- c) the drugs and all other evidence is to be retained by a senior member of staff and the police will normally be involved
- d) parents/carers will be informed of the nature of the incident and the drugs involved and invited into school to discuss the issue
- e) support will be offered to the pupils either by staff from St Peter's or by outside agencies as is seen to be appropriate.

MANAGING DRUG-RELATED INCIDENTS

St Peter's will consider each drug incident individually and recognises that a variety of responses are necessary to deal with incidents. We will consider very carefully the implications of any actions we may take. St Peter's seeks to balance the interests of the pupil involved, the other school members and local community.

Contact may be made with the Police. The action which the Police may take will depend on the nature of the substances, the quantity involved and surrounding circumstances. The action will be agreed in consultation with the school.

DRUGS INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Date: _____ Name of Pupil involved: _____ Form: _____

What type of drug is being used/misused? Please tick

Cannabis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tobacco	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please state
Cocaine	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Heroin	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paracetamol	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Ecstasy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Glue	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Solvents	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Where did it happen? Please tick

Classroom	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toilet	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please state
Corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dining Room	<input type="checkbox"/>	On way home	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bushes	<input type="checkbox"/>	On way to school	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Community	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

Details (what happened etc)

Action (including Senior Member of Staff informed)

Review (date for action to be revised and how this will done)

Signed: _____