



School Policies

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This policy has been written in conjunction with the college's Equality policy (Equality Act 2010)

Drug Misuse Policy

The staff and governors of Crown Hills Community College are committed to teaching all students about the dangers of illegal drugs. We want all our students to respect their own bodies and to make sensible choices for a healthy lifestyle.

The aim of this policy is to define and share the Colleges approach to drug education and the management of any drug related incidents. It is for all students, staff, outside agencies, parents, carers and all individuals involved with college activities.

The policy aims to ensure that there is a whole college approach to drug education. We aim for our staff to be confident and skilled to deal with drug related issues and to teach drug education. We aim to provide up to date, relevant and accurate information as well as support to the whole college community. Any use of illegal use of drugs at school by Crown Hills' students will be considered a serious issue and both parents and police will be informed and sanctions will be applied. Sanctions for incidents will be consistent with the college's Behaviour Policy. This policy should be read in conjunction with the college's Search policy.

This policy applies at all times to the college premises, college transport as well as college visits, trips, fieldwork, residential etc.

Definition of a Drug

In this policy "Drug" means any substance that changes the way the body works and includes legal substances such as alcohol, tobacco and solvents, over the counter and prescribed drugs and illegal drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, amphetamines, heroin, crack/cocaine, LSD etc.

College Rules on Drugs

The possession or use of illegal drugs on college premises will not be tolerated.

Our college is a smoke free college and we do not allow smoking on college premises by any person.

Students and other children or young people of school age using the premises are not allowed to bring cigarettes or other tobacco products onto college premises. Electronic cigarettes and Shisha pens are not allowed on the school premises. They will be confiscated and only returned to parents.

Students should not bring prescribed medicines or shop bought medicines to school unless an Administration of Medicines form, which are available from the college office has been completed, signed and returned. Any such arrangements will be in line with the college's Health and Safety policy.

What happens if someone breaks the rules?

The principal is responsible for implementing this policy. Given that no two cases are exactly the same the following outlines what someone breaking the rules might reasonably expect to happen if caught. Wherever possible the college will try to avoid permanent exclusion but it should be noted that the college school takes drug incidents very seriously and this action will always be considered.

Possession/Use of illegal drugs on college premises:

Adults found to be in possession or thought to be in possession of illegal drugs on college premises will be asked to leave the college site. If the adult refuses to leave the site the police will be called. The incident will be logged.

Consideration will be given to informing the police of all such incidents and repeated possession/use will generally result in the police being contacted. The police will always be called to deal with any incidents involving the supply of illegal drugs.

Students found in possession or thought to be in possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or medicines not agreed in line with school medicines policy will be asked to hand over the substance to the Principal or other teacher dealing with the incident in the presence of another member of staff.



The student will be spoken to by the Principal or designated member of staff. The young person, teacher and parents/carers will be called as soon as possible to help decide the way forward.

Staff

Staff involved with substance misuse issues (including alcohol) will receive advice and support around health related issues but might reasonably expect disciplinary action to be considered.

Drugs Education

The college provides a planned drug education curriculum for all our students through the Life Skills and Science curriculum:

Details of our drug education curriculum content and delivery can be found in our schemes of work. Other areas of the curriculum are actively encouraged to explore these issues and skills development where appropriate.

On the whole, it will be teachers who will teach drug education but, where appropriate, outside visitors may make a contribution. Such visitors will be used in a planned way and their contributions will be 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 LEA, police, health and drug agencies.

Any student experiencing problems with drug use, or their parents, can talk to a teacher at school. We will try to support any student trying to overcome difficulties with the misuse of drugs.

Information about drug misuse and its effects is available from the Life Skills faculty and the Inclusion team.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Principal and Governing Body have a statutory responsibility for college behaviour and discipline. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the college.