

Drugs Procedure - PH (Jan 22)

Legislation and Guidance

Drugs: advice for schools (2012, DfE and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO), <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drugs-advice-for-schools>)

Ongoing monitoring of actions and impacts/outcomes will be:

- Feedback within school to Headteacher
- Feedback to Governors through the Headteacher's termly report where appropriate

The policy applies to all staff, students, parents/carers, governors and external agencies working within the school. The policy applies to all of the above when within the school boundaries, on educational visits or being educated at another provider (as arranged by the school). Where the document refers to drugs, this includes alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, medicines, new psychoactive substances ("legal highs") and volatile substances, unless otherwise specified.

An authorised drug is a prescription medicine which needs to be taken during school hours by a student. Any other drug is unauthorised as is sharing/giving an authorised drug with/to someone else. Authorised drugs should be kept safe by the student or by the school's Matron who will oversee them according to the school's medicine's policy.

Illegal and other unauthorised drugs have no place at John Colet. The school's first concern in managing drugs is the health and safety of the school community and the well-being of students. On the suspicion or concern of illegal drugs, the school will undertake an investigation with student property searched if necessary. Sanctions for drug related incidents will be in accordance with the School's Attitudes to Learning Policy.

The school has a good working relationship with the local police. In any incident concerning illegal drugs, the school will contact the local police. The school will involve or refer students to other services when needed. Where possible, where this will not compromise the student's safety, the school will seek the involvement of the student and the student's parent/carer in such a decision.

Parents/carers are encouraged to approach the school if they are concerned about any issue related to drugs and their child. On the suspicion of an incident involving illegal and other unauthorised drugs, the parent/carer will be informed of the investigation where this will not compromise the student's safety. If the school suspects that a student is using illegal drugs outside of school, the parent/carer will be informed of the school's concerns where this will not compromise the student's safety.

It may be necessary to invoke child protection procedures if the student's safety is at risk. This will be done by the school's nominated Designated Senior Lead.

Drugs Education

- The aim of drug education at John Colet is to provide opportunities for students to develop their knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding about drugs and appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle, relating this to their own and others' actions.
- The content for drugs education will be provided through guidance from a variety of sources. The content will be covered by John Colet staff and external agencies.
- The programme will differ for each year group so that the needs of the students are met.