



Drugs & Drug Testing Policy

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Guidance on Drugs and Drug Testing Policy

Broadlands Hall Home and Broadlands Hall School do not accept young people who are referred with a known drug habit.

We are committed to promoting a healthy, safe environment at Broadlands Hall School, in which good citizenship and respect for the law can flourish. We believe that it is important to deliver a clear, consistent moral framework that promotes the integrity of our community, and gives all of our pupils the understanding and self-confidence to reject illegal drugs and substances.

Education Programme

As with our related programmes concerning alcohol and tobacco, our educational programme concentrates on teaching the importance of young people making healthy, informed choices. However, they also include an ethical dimension, designed to instil an understanding of the importance of complying with the criminal law.

Support

If a pupil comes forward and voluntarily identifies himself as a drug user and asks for help, [or if his/her parents or friends ask for help on his behalf], we will offer support in conjunction with the Manager of the Home, Social Worker, Parents / Carers, IRO and the Independent Visitor. The young person will be given the opportunity to reform his habit with the support of a drug testing programme and Counselling via a multi-agency approach.

Investigation

We will always investigate rumours about involvements in illegal drugs and substances, and this may include questioning a pupil, searching his room and personal possessions. We will inform the Manager of the Home, Social Workers, Local Authorities, IRO's, the Independent Visitor, Parents and Guardians as a matter of urgency and invite them into the school to discuss the matter.

2026–2027 statutory and guidance update

Drug-related concerns will be treated as safeguarding, health and behaviour matters and managed in a proportionate, child-centred way, with referral to parents/carers, placing authorities, health services, children's social care or police where appropriate.

Any search, confiscation or testing must be lawful, necessary and proportionate and undertaken in line with the School's safeguarding and behaviour procedures and current DfE guidance.