

FRIENDS' SCHOOL LISBURN



POLICY ON ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

This policy is in keeping with the principles of the Pastoral Care Policy. Friends' School seeks to create a healthy and safe environment for all pupils. The School seeks also to include appropriate Personal, Social and Health Education in the curriculum to support pupils in making informed choices.

An educative, preventative approach, rather than a disciplinary approach, is preferred, but sanctions will also be applied to any pupil in breach of regulations concerning alcohol and smoking.

The regulations concerning alcohol and smoking apply to all pupils when on the School site, when in school uniform, or when taking part in any school approved activity, including sporting fixtures, school visits and trips.

Alcohol

- Pupils are not permitted to possess or consume alcohol, or to supply another pupil with alcohol.
- The priority of any member of staff becoming aware of alcohol being consumed by a pupil will be to ensure the safe care of the pupil.
- In addition, in the event of a member of staff becoming aware of any incident involving alcohol, he or she will:
 - i) Remove the alcohol from the scene;
 - ii) Report the incident as soon as possible to the Principal or Vice Principal (Pastoral);
 - iii) The Principal or Vice Principal, having established the details of the incident, will inform parents and decide on the sanctions to be applied and other measures to be taken. The particular circumstances of the incident will determine the response. Sanctions applied will range from Saturday detention to suspension and, in the case of a repeated offence, expulsion.

Smoking

- Pupils are not permitted to be in possession of smoking materials or to smoke

- A member of staff becoming aware of a pupil smoking will inform the appropriate Year Teacher or the Vice Principal (Pastoral) and may remove the smoking materials from the pupil

- The following sanctions will be applied to any pupil in breach of the regulations concerning smoking:
 - i) Letter to parents and Monday detention (first offence);
 - ii) Letter to parents and a Saturday detention (for a second offence);
 - iii) Letter to parents and suspension (for a further offence);

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