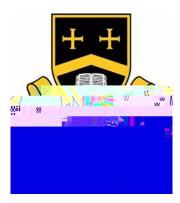
# **Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Policy**





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#### Introduction

It would be irresponsible of the School not to be aware of the threats and dangers posed by drug misuse in contemporary society, particularly to children and teenagers. Of equal concern is the impact and effect of socially acceptable drugs such as tobacco and alcohol on its pupils. The School's policy has been formulated with this in mind.

### **Objectives**

to ensure that Caterham School is free from illegal drugs as well as psychoactive substances and solvents

to educate pupils on the effects of drugs on the mind and body

to provide opportunities for pupils to practise the personal and social skills and the strategies needed to deal with situations involving drugs

to promote the individual's self-confidence, self-esteem and self-worth

to explain the legal situation with regard to the use and misuse of drugs

to enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support

to enable parents to acquire knowledge and support

Any pupil found to be involved with illegal or other harmful drugs while under school jurisdiction either on or off school premises can expect to be suspended from School and may subsequently be expelled depending on the circumstances. The school reserves the



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#### **Key Stage 3**

Recognising personal responsibility for decisions about substance use Knowledge about the basic facts concerning substances including their effects and relevant legislation

Awareness of myths, misconceptions and stereotypes linked with substance abuse The development of appropriate techniques for coping with situations in which substance abuse occurs

### **Key Stage 4**

Understanding that Britain is a drug-using society and recognising different patterns of use and their effect

Recognising the impact of peer-group pressure on drug habits

Individuals are responsible for the choices they make about drug use

Being able to analyse safe levels of intake; e.g. tobacco is never safe, limited use of alcohol may be safe

Discussing the role of the media in influencing attitudes towards drugs, particularly smoking and alcohol

## **Supportive Regime Document**

Pupil's full name:

Date:

Pupil's date of birth:

Pupil's current school year and age:

I understand that the School has grave concerns about my wellbeing for at least one of the following reasons: