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Archway School has a duty to monitor the operation and effectiveness of policies. Designated authority: Governors' Welfare and Discipline Committee



Substance Misuse and Medicines Policy

Aims

- To inform all students of the risks involved in substance misuse. This includes prescription medicines, over the counter medicines and volatile substances (including so called legal highs) as well as illegal drugs and alcohol.
- To state clearly the consequences of possession, use or misuse on school premises.

Principles

- Drugs and medicines must not be brought into school without the School's knowledge and approval. The School should be informed via Heads of Key Stage about any students bringing medication into school.
- The School's role is educational. Consequently up to date information will be provided to all students through PSHE. This will include the effects and risks of substance misuse.
- Students who are identified as being at risk of, or who have admitted to substance misuse, will be offered support and may be referred to appropriate agencies.
- Students who are in possession of, and/or under the influence of, unauthorised drugs and associated drug paraphernalia or medicines on school premises may be at risk of permanent exclusion.
- Parents will be informed as soon as reasonably practical of any actual or suspected substance misuse.

Archway School has a duty to monitor the effectiveness of the Substance Misuse and Medicines Policy within the school. The operation and effectiveness of the policy will be monitored by the Governors' Welfare and Discipline Committee at least annually.

Responsibilities

Headteacher
Assistant Headteacher (Student Support)
PSHE Co-ordinator
Senior Leadership Team
Heads of Department and Key Stage
All Teaching and Support Staff
Governors

Further References

Archway School PSHE Programme
Health Education Leaflets
Gloucestershire LA Drugs Framework Guidelines
Safeguarding Policy
Behaviour Policy