

Disciplinary Action

After health & safety issues have been satisfied fixed term exclusions will be applied for:-

- (i) persistently smoking on the premises
 - (ii) being found drunk on the premises or when alcohol is found on a pupil
 - (iii) being on the premises under the influence of solvents
 - (iv) being on the premises under the influence of controlled drugs
- It would not be unreasonable to permanently exclude if there have been earlier concerns of a similar nature.
 - The governors reserve the right to permanently exclude any pupil found in possession of class A, B or C drugs or illicit substances.
 - Any pupil found dealing in drugs, supplying, selling or sharing drugs will be permanently excluded even for a first offence.

Finally

Parents need to remember that the majority of young people of school age have never used an illegal drug. Many will at some stage will try tobacco or alcohol. Most will be occasional users of drugs for medicinal purposes.

All are likely to be exposed to the effects and influences of drugs in the wider community and be increasingly exposed to opportunities to try both legal and illegal drugs.

Very few of those who experiment with illegal drugs will go onto become problem drug users.

St Monica's RC High School **Specialist Language College**



TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, **SOLVENTS & DRUGS** **EDUCATION**



A Guide For Parents

DFES circular 4/95 makes clear that “Drugs misuse extends across socio-economic boundaries..... no school can afford to be complacent or to think its pupils are not at risk”.

All drugs have the potential to harm. For a small number of people drug misuse and abuse has far reaching consequences for themselves, their families and society generally.

Drugs Education

St Monica’s provides a comprehensive drugs education programme which is continually reviewed and appropriate to the age, maturity and ability of pupils. It covers the statutory elements of the National Curriculum at KS3 and KS4 and is delivered as part of citizenship. We also have an annual information evening for the parents of pupils in Year 8.

Pastoral Support

St Monica’s works in partnership with parents and a range of agencies to educate pupils so that they are able to make safe, responsible and healthy decisions. We also offer pastoral support to those vulnerable to drug misuse. Where appropriate we will offer counselling and support through the services of local agencies. A full list is available from the school office on request.

School Premises

Controlled drugs, solvents, tobacco and alcohol can be harmful to health if misused and should be seen as part of the total problem related to substance misuse.

St Monica’s will formally discipline any pupil who is found in possession of any illegal drug or illicit substance or who is involved in the use, misuse, preparation or supply of any illegal drug or illicit substance on any part of the school premises. This extends to include sports trips, out of school visits, residential holidays, travelling on school transport or when away from school but wearing school uniform.

Health and Safety

Should it become apparent that a pupil is suffering the effects of an illegal substance, appropriate emergency health care will be given through the school’s first-aiders and, where necessary through professional medical services.

Concealment

Staff have the right, under the direction of The Headteacher to conduct a search where pupils are suspected of concealing illegal substances. Pupils will be asked to empty pockets/ bags / lockers.

The Headteacher is entitled to call the police to conduct the search if a pupil refuses to comply.

The Headteacher is entitled to arrange for the use of sniffer dogs and drug testing.