

De La Salle College



Drugs Policy

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Sanctions:

Relevant legislation and guidelines issued will be considered. **The Head Master reserves the right to expel of any student involved in drug related activities. The bringing of any illegal substance onto School grounds, premises or on a school activity will lead to an automatic expulsion. This decision will be subject to a review by the Board of Governors.**

In coming to a decision the Head Master will always consider:

- The welfare of other members of the school community
- The welfare of the student in question.

The Head Master will consult with the appropriate members of staff, in particular, members of the Senior Leadership Team.

Curriculum:

Drugs education forms an integral part of the PSHE programme offered to each student at De La Salle College, overseen by the Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for PSHE. It is also addressed through relevant aspects of the Science curriculum and is a whole school issue involving all staff thereby ensuring a coherent approach.

The Drugs Education programme aims to encourage students to be aware of external pressures and look at strategies enabling the individual to take responsibility for his/her own decisions thereby reflecting the importance of self-esteem. Students will learn an understanding of the effect and nature of drugs and their possible effects on the user linked to an understanding of the law in relation to drugs and drug taking.

The outline of the dangers of drug involvement will embrace:

The physical dangers involved in consuming certain substances

The legal dangers of committing what amounts to criminal acts

The social dangers of involvement with the criminal drug fraternity

Pastoral Approach:

Factors that will be considered are:

The age of the student concerned

Whether incidents occurred inside or outside De La Salle College

The nature of the drug

Whether the student involved is using or dealing in illegal substances

Where a student is suspected of being involved in the use / abuse of substances, or is associating with others who might bring him/her into contact with illegal drugs, the Assistant Head Master will meet with the Head Master to inform him of the nature of the concerns.

The Head Master or Assistant Head Master will subsequently make immediate contact with the student's parents to make them aware of the causes for concern. Parents will be reminded

of the School's policy on drugs. Where appropriate, the Head Master or Assistant Head Master will contact the police.

At all times, reference will be made to relevant DfE guidance related to the management of Drug related incidents in schools. The Head Master and other relevant personnel will have training and specific responsibility to ensure consistent application of this policy within De La Salle College.

The Head Master or Assistant Head Master should be informed immediately of any drugs related matters. Individual staff must pass on concerns as outlined above and NOT attempt to deal with incidents on their own.