

Eastwood Park Academy Trust (EPAT)

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Substance Misuse Policy

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1.0 Introduction

The substances covered by this policy include:

- Tobacco – refer to the No Smoking Policy
- Alcohol.
- Over the counter medicines.
- Prescription only medicines, including anabolic steroids and benzodiazepines.
- Volatile substances, including aerosol propellants, butane, solvents and glues.
- Illegal substances, including heroin, cocaine, ecstasy, amphetamines, LSD, GHB and cannabis.

Some pupils may need to bring long term medication into school – refer to the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy

2.0 Substance Misuse Education

Substance misuse education is delivered through the following:

- Curriculum - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>
- PSHE and RSHE
- Assemblies.
- Drop-down sessions.
- PDE Programme.

3.0 Procedure for Dealing with Incidents

3.1 Staff

The policy in respect to staff is covered in section 7.14 of the Code of Conduct (Staff) Policy. Disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the Disciplinary (Misconduct) Policy.

3.2 Adults that are not Staff

The constituent academy will not release pupils into the care of other adults where there is a possibility of harm to that pupil. Where there is evidence that parents arriving at school to collect children are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, either Social Services and/or the police will be contacted in line with the Trust's [Safeguarding Policy](#).

Where any member of the school community, staff, parent or visitor is or appears to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs on the constituent academy premises, they will be asked to leave immediately and action taken to ensure their safety, with supervision if necessary. Where illegal substances are involved, the police will be contacted.

3.3 Pupils

In the case of a pupil disclosing that they are misusing drugs and/or a parent or other family member is misusing drugs, advice will be sought from Social Services and a referral made in line with the Trust's Safeguarding Policy.

In the case of a pupil who appears to be ill or unsafe as a result of substance misuse, parents will be contacted, asked to collect their child and seek medical attention. Where parents cannot be contacted or are not able to collect their child, the constituent academy will make arrangements for the child to receive medical attention e.g. take them to hospital. Advice will also be sought from Social Services and a referral made in line with the Trust's Safeguarding Policy.

In the case of a pupil who has ready access to controlled drugs and/or is dealing drugs on or near the constituent academy premises, the police will be contacted and the child will be sanctioned in line with the constituent academy's Behaviour and Discipline Policy. Advice will also be sought from Social Services and a referral made in line with the Trust's Safeguarding Policy.

3.31 Confiscation

An authorised member of staff of the same gender as the pupil (accompanied by another member of staff) can undertake a lawful search under the [DfE Searching and Screening Guidance](#). The constituent academy is not required to inform parents before a search takes place or to seek consent to search their child.

Where the authorised member of staff finds other substances, which are not believed to be controlled drugs, these will be confiscated if the member of staff believes them to be harmful or detrimental to maintaining good order and discipline.

All confiscated substances will be discarded under section 91 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, unless there is a requirement for them to be passed to the police because they constitute evidence of an offence.

The constituent academy will normally inform the pupil's parents where alcohol, illegal drugs or potentially harmful substances are found, although there is no legal requirement to do so.

4.0 Related Policies

Safeguarding Policy
Code of Conduct (Staff) Policy
No Smoking Policy
Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
PSHE and RSHE Policy

5.0 Further Information and Support

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270169/drug_advice_for_schools.pdf