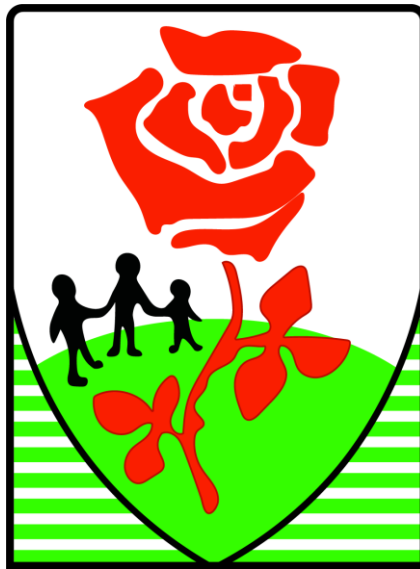


Rosehill School

Drugs Education Policy



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Statement of intent

Rosehill School takes a zero-tolerance approach to the misuse of drugs and alcohol on our premises. This policy has been developed in conjunction with DfE guidance to ensure that everyone is aware of the risks posed by the misuse of drugs and alcohol. As part of the statutory duty on schools to promote pupils' wellbeing, Rosehill has a clear role to play in preventing drug misuse as part of our pastoral responsibilities. To support this, the Government's Drug Strategy 2010 ensures that school staff have the information, advice and power to:

- Provide accurate information on drugs and alcohol through education and targeted information, including via the FRANK service;
- Tackle problem behaviour in schools, with wider powers of search and confiscation;
- Work with local voluntary organisations, health partners, the police and others to prevent drug or alcohol misuse.

We are committed to:

- Upholding the Health and Safety Policy already in place at the school.
- Providing a safe and healthy environment which is conducive to the education of the pupils in the school.
- Providing a robust policy which outlines our zero-tolerance approach to drugs and alcohol misuse.
- Developing and improving the policy by reviewing it after any incident.
- Educating pupils on the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse.

1. Legal framework

1.1. This policy has due regard to relevant legislation and guidance, including, but not limited to the following:

- **DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education 2023'**
- The Children and Families Act 2014
- The Education Act 2011
- The Health Act 2006
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) regulations 2006
- Drugs Strategy 2010

1.2. This policy will be implemented in conjunction with the school's:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Managing Medical Needs and Medicines Policy
- PSHE and RSE Policy

2. Key roles and responsibilities

2.1. The Headteacher is responsible for dealing with any alcohol and drug related issues within the school.

3. Definitions

3.1. Rosehill School defines a “drug” as any substance which, when ingested alters perception and the way the body works. This definition includes, but is not limited to:

- All Illegal substances
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Solvents
- Medicines
- Legal highs

4. Staff training

4.1. At Rosehill School, we recognise that early intervention can prevent drug misuse. As such, teachers will receive training in identifying pupils who may be at risk.

4.2. Teachers and support staff will receive regular and ongoing training as part of their professional development.

5. Safeguarding

5.1 The school understands that the misuse of drugs can often be a sign of underlying issues.

5.2 Staff members will be aware of the fact that drug misuse can be an indicator of a safeguarding concern and is often an indicator of both child criminal and sexual exploitation.

5.3 All staff are aware that behaviours linked to issues such as drug misuse put pupils in danger. Staff will be particularly alert to the potential need for early help for a pupil who is misusing drugs, or where it is observed or suspected that their parents or family members misuse drugs.

5.4 Pupils experiencing difficulties with drugs will be provided with appropriate internal support and referred to external support agencies as appropriate. Support will be arranged and offered to pupils in line with the school’s Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

6. Drugs education

6.1. Pupils will receive guidance on drugs and alcohol as an integral part of our personal, social and health education (PSHE).

6.2. The programmes we follow will be based on national guidelines for good practice and be appropriate to the age and experience of our pupils:

- Discovery Education
<https://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/resources/primary/health-and-relationships/>
- DrugAware programme
<http://www.nottinghamchildrenspartnership.co.uk/drugaware/>

- 6.3. Lessons will be delivered as appropriate to the age and phase of the pupils and will be differentiated according to individual learning styles.
- 6.4. Where appropriate, visitors and external speakers will join us to lead classes on drug and alcohol misuse.
- 6.5. The ethos of drug education in our school aims to enable pupils to make healthy informed choices by increasing their knowledge and developing and practising decision making skills.

7. Smoking & Vaping

- 7.1. In accordance with part 1 of the Health Act 2006, Rosehill School is a smoke free environment. This includes all buildings, out-buildings, playgrounds, playing fields and sheltered areas.
- 7.2. Parents, visitors and staff must not smoke or vape on school grounds and will avoid smoking in front of pupils and/or encouraging pupils to smoke.
- 7.3. Pupils including students over the age of 18 are not permitted to bring smoking or nicotine products onto the premises. This includes, but is not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, lighters, matches and pipes.
- 7.4. In the interest of health and hygiene, smoking will not be permitted at, or around, the school gates.

8. Legal drugs and prescribed medicines

- 8.1. We understand that some pupils may require medications that have been prescribed by a doctor, or other health professional.
- 8.2. Parents and carers have the primary responsibility for their child's health and should provide the school with all relevant information about their child's medical condition.
- 8.3. Medicines should only be brought onto the premises if it would be detrimental to the child's health if medicines were not administered during their time at the school.
- 8.4. The school will only accept medicines which have been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist.
- 8.5. Medicines must be provided in the original container as dispensed and must include the prescriber's instructions for administration and dosage.
- 8.6. The school has a policy for the administration and transfer of medicines from home and school, that must be followed for everyone's safety. Our practice is in line with guidance as recommended by DfE guidance. Further guidance can be found in the school's Managing Medical Needs and Medicines Policy.

9. Solvents

9.1. Pupils are not permitted to bring solvent based products onto the premises including, but not limited to, aerosol deodorants, compressed air, and aerosol hairspray.

9.2. The school will ensure that potentially hazardous solvents are stored safely and pupils will be supervised if they are required to come into contact with them.

10. Persons found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol

10.1. Staff members found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol whilst on school premises will be disciplined in line with their contract of employment.

10.2. Visitors to the school found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school grounds will be escorted from the premises. The Headteacher has the authority to ban persistent offenders from the school.

11. Medical emergencies

11.1. In drug related medical emergencies, trained first aiders will be contacted.

11.2. A teacher will remain with the casualty until the trained first aider arrives.

11.3. Other pupils will be removed from the immediate area, as soon as is reasonably practicable.

11.4. Following assessment by the first aider, a decision will be made to ascertain whether an ambulance will be called.

11.5. The pupil's parents will be telephoned and told about the incident.

11.6. If the pupil is felt to be at risk, the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will come into effect and social care will be contacted.

11.7. All accidents and incidents, including near misses or dangerous occurrences, will be reported as soon as possible following the school's Health and Safety Policy.

12. Threatening behaviour

12.1. Aggressive and threatening behaviour by pupils, staff or visitors under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be taken very seriously.

12.2. Where aggressive and/or threatening behaviour is displayed, Rosehill School will not hesitate in contacting the police.

12.3. Any pupil, staff member or visitor displaying aggressive and/or threatening behaviour will be removed from the premises.

12.4. In the case of pupils, parents will be contacted.

13. Discipline

- 13.1.** Pupils involved in drug and/or alcohol situations on school premises will be disciplined as per the school's disciplinary procedure and, where appropriate, the police will be informed.
- 13.2.** Teachers and staff members involved in drug and/or alcohol situations on school premises will be disciplined as per their contract of employment and, where appropriate, the police will be informed.
- 13.3.** Visitors involved in drug and/or alcohol situations on school premises will be banned from entering school premises indefinitely and, where appropriate, the police will be informed.

14. Incidents

14.1. A drug related incident may include any of the following:

- A pupil who is suspected of being under the influence of a drug.
- Finding drugs, or related paraphernalia on school premises.
- Possession of drugs by an individual on school premises.
- Use of drugs by an individual on school premises.
- Supply of drugs on school premises.
- Individuals disclosing information about their drug use.
- Rumours of drug possession supply or drug use.
- Reports of drug possession supply or drug use.

15. Review and monitoring

15.1. This policy will be reviewed on a biennial basis.