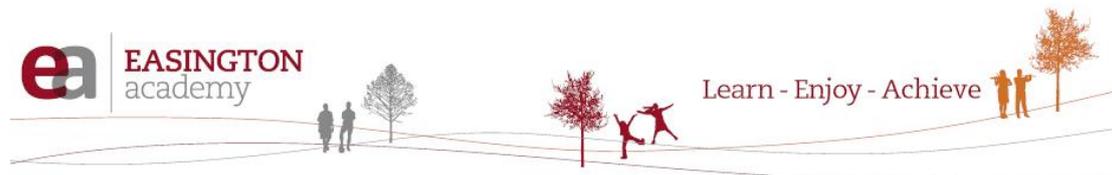




# Drugs & Substance Misuse

As part of Easington Academy's  
Pastoral Care Policy



# **DRUGS and SUBSTANCE MISUSE POLICY**

## **Statement of Philosophy**

- Easington Academy does not condone the misuse of drugs or alcohol by members of the school.
- The school will not condone the illegal supply of any substance.
- The school is committed to the health and safety of all of its members and will take any necessary action to safeguard their well being.
- The school believes that the abuse of drugs and alcohol is detrimental to the welfare of individuals.
- The school believes that it has an important role in the pastoral care of young people and will maintain an ethos which will seek to persuade students in need of support to come forward.
- The school believes that students misusing drugs and other substances require the best levels of support and will seek to engage parents/carers and other agencies in the provision of education and support.

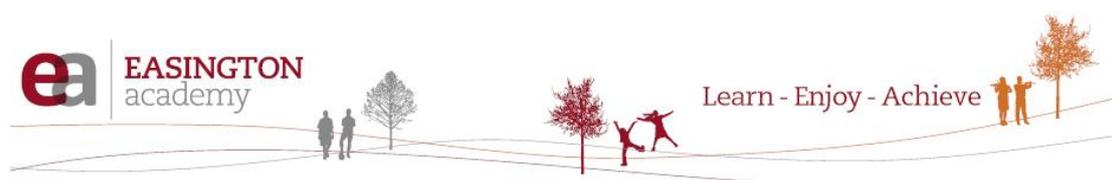
## **Aims**

- To ensure the provision of accurate information about substances.
- To increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse of substances.
- To widen the understanding about related health and social issues.
- To seek to minimise the risk to users and potential users.
- To provide a supportive and understanding environment for those experiencing, or likely to experience, substance use.
- To enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support.

## **Objectives**

The above aims will be fulfilled through:

- A curriculum in which students will receive substance related education.
- The appointment within the school of a Co-ordinator for Drugs and Substance Abuse (currently the Head of RE). This co-ordinator will have direct responsibility for the day to day implementation of this policy.
- The provision of drugs and substance information.
- Active co-operation with other agencies such as the Police, Social Services and health agencies in the delivery of drugs education and in dealing with incidents of substance use and misuse.
- Advice and guidance for all staff on action to be taken in instances involving substance use or misuse.
- The involvement of parents/carers though the provision of advice and guidance in instances involving their own children.



## **Sanctions**

- The priority in all incidents relating to the use of illicit substances is the health and safety of the student.
- First incident ( use or possession): five day fixed term exclusion.
- Second incident ( use or possession ): permanent exclusion.
- First incident ( supplying): permanent exclusion.
- In all cases the police and parents/carers will be informed.
- The details of all incidents relating to illicit substances should be entered in the Drugs File and a copy should be given to the school's co-ordinator.

