



# Ulverston Victoria High School

## POLICIES

# Drugs Education Policy

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## **DRUGS EDUCATION this policy links to the School's Drugs and Drugs Related Incidents Policy which is currently under review.**

### **Governors' Statement**

#### **ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

As most people will be aware, the use of illegal/intoxicating substances is a serious problem in society, not least in Ulverston and Cumbria. Under these circumstances, the Governors feel the need to make a clear statement of what students and parents can expect if drug-related offences occur in school. They wish to make it clear that they take a very firm line indeed. Specifically: Students found in possession of illegal/ intoxicating substances on or near the premises of Ulverston Victoria high School will be excluded from school. In addition, they may be reported to the police.

Should any students be found providing illegal/ intoxicating substances on or near school premises, they will be reported to the police and they will be excluded from the school.

Should any students be found supplying illegal/ intoxicating substances for personal gain, which need not be financial, on or near school premises, they will be reported to the police and they will be excluded permanently from the school.

### **Purpose**

In response to shared concerns at both a local and national level, the school believes it has a duty to educate and inform young people on the consequences of drug use and misuse, it being a vital part of every student's citizenship programme. There is also some drug education within the school nurse led PSHE education. Our aim is for Ulverston Victoria High School to be a drug free zone.

### **Guidelines**

Through the formal and informal curriculum and the ongoing pastoral programme aimed at caring for the welfare of all its students, the school aims:

- to enable students to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising skills;
- to provide accurate, relevant and current information about substances;
- to increase the students' understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse;
- to widen the students' understanding about related health and social issues, eg crime, HIV and AIDS;
- to enable young people to identify personal coping strategies and alternative sources of personal support.

### **Personnel**

In the effective implementation of such a policy, the school recognises that the principle of sharing the responsibility for the education of young people is of paramount importance. Effective co-operation and communication with parents, keeping them informed and involved at all times, with support agencies such as Social Services and Health and Drugs Agencies and with the Police Liaison Officer is essential. The Head and Governing Body must have a special responsibility in the implementation of such a policy.

### **Conclusion**

Ulverston Victoria High School condones neither the misuse of drugs and alcohol by members of the school, nor the supply of these substances. The school is committed to the health and safety of all its members and will take appropriate action to safeguard their well-being. The school acknowledges the importance of caring for the welfare of its students and through the general ethos of the school, aims to persuade students in need of support to identify themselves and seek confidential help.