



WETHERBY
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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Alcohol and Tobacco Policy

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Circulation: This policy is addressed to all members of staff and volunteers and is available to parents on request. It applies wherever staff or volunteers are working with the boys.

Please note: 'School' refers to Wetherby Preparatory School and 'parents' refers to parents, guardians and carers.

Education

We have a PSHE programme, running from Years 3 to 8 that covers the potential risks from excessive consumption of alcohol and the risks of smoking. It concentrates on teaching the importance of young people making healthy, informed choices, and explains the legal background.

Additional coverage is provided in Science lessons. We also have assemblies on the topic and, from time to time, make use of travelling workshops and road shows to cover the serious risks from abuse of alcohol, tobacco and illegal substances.

Boys can discuss their individual worries about drinking and smoking with their form teacher. As necessary we will discuss relevant concerns with parents and seek medical advice.

The School and School Events

We do not allow the boys to bring alcohol or tobacco onto the premises, except for the delivery of alcoholic drinks offered as gifts from parents to teachers. This rule applies to all school trips and visits, whether in this country or overseas, irrespective of whether or not boys are wearing school uniform at the time. Boys may never consume alcohol at school or at a school related event or outing.

Wetherby Preparatory School is a public place; smoking on the premises is, therefore, illegal for everyone, including staff and visitors.

We will from time to time offer alcoholic drinks to parents at certain events, including plays and concerts to which they are invited.

Breach of the Policy

Boys caught breaching this policy on alcohol or who are caught smoking can expect to be suspended and for their parents invited to the school in order to discuss the matter. In cases considered serious, such as supplying others with alcohol or tobacco, a boy may be permanently excluded. A boy may be referred for a session of counselling where we have reason to believe that he has issues with either alcohol or tobacco.