

## Aims

- The aim of the drugs education and incidents policy is to acknowledge and clarify Lambeth Academy's role in drug prevention and drug education and ensure it is appropriate to Students' needs.
- The policy will provide information about procedures in response to any drug-related incident and provide guidance to teachers, support staff and outside visitors.
- The drugs education and incidents policy is the whole Academy approach on the issue of drugs as part of our commitment to being a healthy Academy.
- The Academy aims for all teachers to be confident and skilled to teach drug education and students, who are concerned about drugs, and need to be supported.
- The policy aims to have clear procedures for responding to drug-related incidents and sanctions for incidents consistent with the Academy's Behaviour for Learning policy.

## Guidance on Drugs Education at Lambeth Academy

### Definition

Drugs are those that are legal, such as alcohol, tobacco and solvents, over the counter and prescribed drugs and illegal drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, heroin, crack/cocaine and LSD.

The Academy believes that the possession and use of drugs in the Academy is inappropriate. All the drugs covered in this policy are not permitted to be bought, sold, or otherwise obtained on Academy premises or during the Academy day, including when students are on Academy visits. These rules apply to adults working at and for the Academy. Individual exceptions may be made for students who need to take prescribed medicines where appropriate.

### Drugs Education

The Academy provides a planned drug education curriculum as part of the PSHE, tutor and assemblies programmes that reflects knowledge and understanding, attitudes and personal and social skills.

Drugs education will:

- enable students to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, exploring their own and other people's attitudes and developing and practising skills
- promote positive attitudes towards healthy lifestyles
- provide accurate information about substances

- increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse
- encourage an understanding for those experiencing or likely to experience substance use
- widen understanding about related health and social issues, e.g. sex and sexuality, crime, HIV and AIDS
- seek to minimise the risks that users and potential users face
- enable young people to identify sources of appropriate personal support.

The Academy actively co-operates with other agencies such as community police, social services, and health and drug agencies to deliver its commitment to drugs education.

The Local Governing Body will be involved in drug education.

## **Procedures for Drug Involved Incidents**

- In instances involving substance misuse or supply on the premises, parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity.
- The Academy and parents will then work together to support the young person involved.
- The Police should be informed by the academy of any known or suspected incident involving drugs and, in addition to any prosecution or legal penalties which may result, all those involved can expect to be subject to academy-based sanctions.
- The Local Governing Body will be involved in drug-related incidents.
- The Academy will consider each substance incident individually and recognise that a variety of responses will be necessary to deal with incidents.
- The Academy will consider very carefully the implications of any action it may take. It seeks to balance the interests of the student involved, the other Academy members and the local community.
- The Principal will take responsibility for liaison with the media, where required. As the issue of substance misuse is an emotive one, and is likely to generate interest from the local and national media, the Academy will take appropriate advice and guidance from the ULT media section and legal department to ensure that any reporting of incidents remains in the best interests of the young people, their families and the Academy.

## **Sanctions**

The nature and severity of the sanctions imposed will depend upon the circumstances, but the Academy will make it clear to students that there is every likelihood that fixed-term or permanent exclusion is a likely outcome.

In particular, students should understand that any person found to be carrying or supplying drugs or illegal substances to others will be permanently excluded from the Academy. Details of what these mean are contained within the Exclusion policy.

## The Law on Drugs

### Misuse of Drugs Act 1971

It is an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971:

- a) To supply, or to offer to supply, a controlled drug to another in contravention of the Act.
- b) To be in possession of, or to possess with the intent to supply to another, a controlled drug in contravention of the Act.
- c) For the occupier, or someone concerned in the management of the premises, knowingly to permit or suffer the smoking(cannabis), supplying, attempting to supply or offering to supply controlled drugs to take place on the premises.

### Volatile Substance Misuse

- a) Volatile substances do not fall within the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.
- b) It is an offence in English law to supply, or attempt to supply, a substance to a person aged under 18, knowing or having reasonable cause to believe that substance or its fumes are likely to be used by that person for the purpose of causing intoxication.

### The Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991

- a) It is illegal to sell tobacco products to children under the age of 18.
- b) It is illegal to sell unpackaged cigarettes.

## Legal Drugs – Smoking and Alcohol Abuse

### Smoking

- a) Lambeth Academy operates a total no-smoking policy.
- b) No student may smoke or bring tobacco products on to the academy premises.
- c) All employees and adult visitors to the academy are also required to refrain from smoking on the academy premises.
- d) Anti-smoking education will be included in the programme of Drugs Education, alongside the safe and acceptable use of alcohol.

## Alcohol

- a) No student or visitor will bring alcoholic drink on the academy site, and the consumption of alcohol is strictly forbidden at any time when a student is under academy's authority.
- b) It is accepted that members of staff and adult visitors will refrain from drinking alcohol in the academy, except at certain occasional, traditionally-held social events.
- c) Students who break the rules on smoking and drinking of alcohol can expect to be the subject of sanctions of a magnitude which reflects the seriousness of their misconduct, with the ultimate sanction of fixed-term or permanent exclusion available for severe, irresponsible or persistent offences.