

Drug Searches – Guidelines

If the school has evidence to suggest that drug dealing is occurring on the school site, or that drug use is affecting student learning, then the use of a sniffer dog will be an option. Permission to use a sniffer dog will be obtained from the full governing body.

The school has established a close working relationship with our local police force to ensure that any searches are carried out with minimum disruption and in line with school policy.

- Staff will be informed.
- The Headteacher will accompany the police during their visit.
- Up to 10 classes from selected year groups will be visited.
- Locker areas for the year groups may also be visited. Permission to search lockers if a controlled drug presence is suspected will be sought from the student and their parents informed.
- If the presence of controlled drugs are suspected then the student will be asked to accompany the police and the Headteacher to her office.
- The student will be asked to hand over any drugs in their possession. Parents will be informed and asked to come into school.
- If controlled drugs are found, the student will be cautioned, or arrested, depending on the class of drug and the advice of the police.
- External agency support for drug use will be sought.
- All cultures and faiths will be respected during the process.