



# Loughborough Grammar School

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# **Drugs Policy**

Loughborough Grammar School is committed to the health and safety of its members and to furthering their well-being through education. It will take any action it considers appropriate to safeguard all its pupils against harmful products whilst fulfilling its pastoral duties by encouraging pupils to seek any support or advice that they need.

For the purposes of the School's Drugs Policy, the term "drugs" covers alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, "legal highs" (i.e. substances with stimulant or mood-altering properties whose sale or use falls within the remit of the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016) and other substances (i.e. glues, gases and aerosols). Electronic cigarettes and shisha pens (i.e. alternatives to cigarettes as delivery systems for nicotine and tar respectively) will be treated in the same way as cigarettes.

This policy applies to all pupils of Loughborough Grammar School and should be read in conjunction with the following policies on:

- Searching pupils
- Confiscation of property
- Discipline, Rewards and Sanctions

Dangerous and/or illegal drugs are forbidden in school and any pupil found in possession of them, under the influence of them, or to have supplied them to others at school will be temporarily excluded from school and risks permanent exclusion.

Supplying or using illegal drugs or "legal highs" outside school is classed as misuse, and can invoke the full range of sanctions available by the school if, in the opinion of the Headmaster, the reputation of the school is damaged or the physical well being of pupils is at risk.

The school reserves the right to insist that pupils suspected of taking illegal drugs submit to a random testing regime. The school will require pupil cooperation and parental approval before a regime is started. The testing will be administered by the school nurse and involves taking saliva samples. The results of the testing will be made known to the pupil and parents.

## **Smoking**

Possessing or using tobacco on school premises or in the vicinity of the school is not allowed. Pupils found smoking cigarettes on or in the vicinity of the school campus, or on school trips, or in any other circumstances where a pupil could be identifiable as a member of the LGS community, will be subject to the following sanctions.

First Offence: Lunchtime detention; appointment with the school nurse to receive advice leaflets.

Second Offence: Monday evening detention and letter home to parents from Assistant Headmaster (Pastoral).

Third Offence: Saturday morning school detention and letter home to parents from Headmaster; £10 fine to 'Cancer Research'.

## **Drugs advice and helplines**

The following organisations and helplines offer advice to parents and pupils on drug-related issues.

- Talk to Frank: 0300 1236600 (<http://www.talktofrank.com/>)
  - the Department of Health's National 24 hour Drugs Helpline;
- NHS facts and information on the effects of drugs (<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/drugs/Pages/Drugshome.aspx>)
- Quit smoking, advice, facts and tips (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)