

Emergency Drug Incident Procedures

Drugs are found on school premises

A pupil is found or suspected of being in possession of a drug on school premises

A member of staff knows or suspects a pupil is under the influence of a drug on school premises

Confiscate drug and store for evidence

If a search is required; with a witness present ask the student to empty pockets and bag. This is all you can do. A personal search can only be carried out by the police. If the police are required, supervise the child until they arrive.

Although not a legal obligation, this may be a good time to contact the parents.

Follow emergency medical procedures—see separate sheet

If a substance is found:

- Inform the appointed teacher responsible for drugs and the Head.
- If the substance is illegal, hand to police
- If the substance is unidentified, hand to police
- If legal, consider returning to parent/carer
- Inform or seek guidance from LEA
- Refer to Zig Zag for intervention / Counselling

If the assessment indicates no immediate emergency:

- consider placing the student under observation for the remainder of the day.

There is no legal obligation to contact parents regarding a drugs incident.

ASSESSMENT

IDENTIFY; drug, quantity, legal status, risk, if any, and to whom, age of student, motive, level of use, intent, past school record (re. drugs), recent personal circumstances, knowledge of school rules, drug policy and sanctions

CONSULT; internally, externally (agencies, LEA)

CONSIDER; options for response, referral to Zig Zag

Record carefully at every stage

Contacts

If you require any support during an incident involving drugs, please call;

Liz Price—Drug Education Officer , Children and Young people’s Directorate 01432 383399

‘Zig-Zag’ **01432 269404**

If you cannot contact either of them;

Dennis Longmore—Manager of Social Inclusion
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