



RGS SURREY HILLS

Alcohol Policy and Sanctions for Students

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The drinking of alcohol on the School premises by pupils, or by pupils when under the jurisdiction of the School, is strictly forbidden, except with the express permission and under the strict supervision of staff at organised School events in an age appropriate manner (see appendix A).

It is also forbidden for pupils to bring alcohol onto the School premises and/or to supply alcohol to others for their consumption.

This policy applies to ALL pupils even those pupils who are over 18 years of age.

ALCOHOL IS A POISON. IT CAN KILL YOU IF YOU ABUSE IT.

If a pupil has been or is drinking without permission; if a pupil is or has been in the company of other pupils who are or have been drinking without permission; if a pupil is in possession of alcohol; and/or if a pupil supplies alcohol to others, sanctions will always apply.

These can include;

- Parents being contacted
- Confinement to House or other withdrawal of privileges
- Community Service
- Detention
- And furthermore;

The sanctions of Temporary Exclusion including a Pupil Contract, and Permanent Exclusion, may also apply depending on the factors involved such as;

- The age of the pupils involved,
- The location of the drinking (e.g. in School or House, or outside the School grounds),
- The level of intoxication,
- Whether outside agencies are involved,
- Risk to wellbeing of all concerned
- Impact on the School community

The School reserves the right to apply other disciplinary sanctions as deemed reasonable by the Senior Leadership Team depending upon individual circumstances.

Repeated offences will indicate that a pupil is not learning the appropriate lessons and therefore penalties may well lead to sanctions and the possibility of Permanent Exclusion from RGS Surrey Hills.

Pupils are expected to uphold the School's behavioural code of conduct even when not on campus. The School will take very seriously incidents of excessive consumption of alcohol by a RGS Surrey Hills pupil away from school premises, for example 'drinking in the park' or 'at a party' in any manner which causes disrepute to the School, breaks School behavioural codes of conduct, or is a threat of harm to another person.

Purchase of alcohol from shops is not allowed. Asking others to purchase alcohol for oneself is a serious breach of rules. Buying alcohol for someone else will be treated as a serious breach of School rules.

We reserve the right to test for the presence of alcohol where there is suspicion or suggestion of drinking.

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Appendix A

Drinking alcohol under “The express permission and under the strict supervision of staff at organised School events in an age appropriate manner”

The School believes that educating pupils to drink in moderation and responsibly as they get older is an acceptable form of learning. To this end there may be some occasions where older pupils are allowed to consume alcohol. An example of this is at the Sixth Form ball where pupils may consume a glass of wine at the dinner table.

In every such occasion the law of the land will always be followed.

The school maintains that;

- No pupil should become drunk or tipsy.
- Staff will be aware of how much alcohol is permitted (normally one glass).
- No pupil should have their behaviour significantly altered by alcohol consumption and it will be staff professional judgement which will determine whether this has happened and whether a breach of School rules has taken place.
- No pupil should consume more than three drinks throughout an evening even over several hours or with a meal.
- No pupil will ever feel pressured into consuming alcohol on such occasions.

The School has the right to refuse entry to any School event if it is suspected that a pupil is intoxicated and parents will be asked to collect them, or, in the case of a boarder, a similar sanction will apply.

Note:

In this policy references to alcohol include intoxicating liquor of all descriptions (including beer, cider, wine and spirits)

The School is clearly bound by the law of the land and those laws guide our policy. Pupils are encouraged to adopt a sensible attitude towards alcohol.

In the case of any incident involving the sale of alcohol to under-age pupils, the School will contact the manager of the establishment involved and the Police may be informed.