



# HOLMWOOD HOUSE

## ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY

We have age-appropriate health education and Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education programmes at Holmwood House School that focus upon the potential risks from excessive consumption of alcohol and risks of smoking. They concentrate on teaching the importance of young people making healthy, informed choices. The programmes commence in the Pre Prep and continue throughout your child's time at the school. They extend across the curriculum, involving PSHCE and Science. We also have assemblies on the topic, talks from the police and for Year 8, before they move to their senior schools, we invite specialist speakers for both the pupils and parents, covering the serious risks from abuse of illegal substances and from alcohol and tobacco.

Our nurse and Housemistress play an active role in promoting greater awareness about the risks involved. Pupils can discuss their individual worries about drinking and smoking with any member of staff as we are very conscious of the importance of working together in order to promote the well-being of your son or daughter.

We do not allow the pupils to bring alcohol or tobacco onto the premises. This rule applies to all school trips and visits, whether in this country or overseas, irrespective of whether or not pupils are wearing school uniform at the time.

Holmwood House School is a public place, therefore Government restrictions apply.

The EYFS setting, both indoors and out, is a no smoking area and a policy of no smoking is enforced.

We will offer wine to parents and guardians at certain formal events, including plays and concerts etc to which they are invited but are never served by or to pupils. Soft drinks are always available at such events.

Pupils caught breaching these guidelines on alcohol or who are caught smoking can expect to be suspended and for their parents or guardians to be invited to the school in order to discuss the matter. A pupil may be referred for a session of counselling where we have reason to believe that he or she has issues with either alcohol or tobacco, for example, when there are repeated infringements.

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **AJM** \_\_\_\_\_

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