

LVS ASCOT

Alcohol Policy

LVS Ascot ('the School') is determined, via the School's educational programme and its rules, to encourage all pupils to develop responsible, healthy lifestyles. Following this principle, it is unacceptable for any pupil to be involved in drinking alcohol whilst at school or engaged in any school activity whether off or on school site in breach of this policy.

The School is also keen to make it clear that it is quite unacceptable for any pupil either to be at school showing the effects of alcohol consumption or to miss school or any school activity for the same reason. At certain evening functions wine or beer will be served and this can be consumed by members of the Sixth Form accompanying a meal with the prior express permission of the Principal and parents and always under the supervision of school staff. Soft drinks will always be available at such functions.

The supply, possession and use of alcohol on school premises during the working day is prohibited for all members of the school community.

Parents may be asked to pick up their child immediately for any alcohol offence.

School Rules on alcohol possession or consumption

The possession of alcoholic drink by any pupil whilst at school, engaged in a school activity or away on a school trip is forbidden. No pupil is ever expected to be at school or engaged in any school activity suffering from the after-effects of drinking alcohol. No pupils from Reception to Year 11 are permitted to consume alcohol under any circumstances. Whenever pupils in the Sixth Form are allowed to consume alcohol in conjunction with a meal, they may do so at the discretion of the Principal and under the supervision of a member of staff. Only those pupils old enough (i.e. 17/18 years and over) may drink beer or wine and only then in moderation. Spirits are not permitted.

Given that the pupils in the Sixth Form are expected to behave maturely, the norm will be for the individual himself/herself to exercise the necessary self-control to meet this expectation. However, any individual who is clearly found to be in breach of the expectation will, at the very least, have the freedom to consume alcoholic drink removed for a period and may be sanctioned in accordance with the School's Behaviour Management Policy.

Dealing with an alcohol-related incident

Persuading another pupil to partake in the consumption of alcohol in breach of this policy will result in disciplinary action.

Intoxication

Drinking to excess under any circumstances is unacceptable. If a pupil has been drinking alcohol in school:

- The medical needs of the pupil may need to be assessed in the HWC
- The pupil's parents will be informed verbally and in writing (copy of letter placed on pupil file)
- He/she will be interviewed by the Principal/member of SMT

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- He/she may receive a suitable sanction in accordance with the School's Behaviour Management Policy
- Parents will be invited in for interview with the Principal

Serious/Further episodes of intoxication

- Serious or repeated incidents of intoxication will be dealt with in line with the Behaviour Management Policy and Exclusion Policy and may result in, for example, detention or temporary or permanent exclusion.

Possession

Pupils caught in possession of alcohol in school will:

- Have the alcohol confiscated by the Deputy Head Pastoral or another member of SMT or appropriate Housemaster/Housemistress
- Be subject to serious disciplinary action (usually suspension/Period of Reflection from school) in accordance with the School's Behaviour Management Policy.

Sale of alcohol

The School will inform the Police in the case of an incident involving the sale of alcohol to an under-age pupil.

Counselling

A pupil may be referred to counselling (at the parent's expense) where the School has reason to believe the pupil has issues with alcohol, for example, where there are repeated infringements on this policy.

Rationale for alcohol education

Alcohol and its misuse are common in our society. Children and young people will come into contact with alcohol throughout their lifetime. The School recognises its obligation to educate its pupils so that they are prepared for life in a society in which alcohol is commonplace.

Aims of alcohol education

The School aims to equip pupils with the information, skills and attitudes which will enable them to make informed, healthy choices to prevent or reduce the harmful consequences of alcohol misuse.

Objectives

- Provide accurate information to pupils and parents about alcohol, the law relating to them and school rules
- Increase understanding about the implications and consequences of the use and misuse of alcohol
- Provide opportunities to examine attitudes to alcohol use

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- Promote the development of personal and social skills relating to health behaviour and provide the opportunity to practice them
- Enable young people to identify appropriate sources of personal support
- Develop and maintain pupils' self-esteem

Staff with key responsibility for alcohol education

The Deputy Head Pastoral together with the Head of LV4Life is responsible for the implementation, co-ordination, delivery and monitoring of the alcohol programme at the School.

Alcohol education delivery

Drugs' education is delivered within the framework of the LV4Life programme. In addition to specific information about alcohol and its use/misuse, the School advocates the development of a positive, health-promoting ethos to encourage self-esteem, which will help pupils cope more effectively in alcohol-related situations.

Alcohol education will be provided by tutors within a structured LV4Life programme at all Key Stages; in addition, visiting speakers (e.g: DRED UK) will be integrated into the delivery. Information on alcohol support services will be available to all pupils through the pupil notice board, individual information cards and the HWC.

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