



23: Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs

Jesters strongly prohibits the use or possession of cigarettes, alcohol and illegal drugs on our premises during the service hours. If staff, students, volunteers or children are found to have broken the rules in respect of this policy, it will be treated as a very serious disciplinary matter.

All staff will be made aware of the provisions of this policy during their induction, including the importance of them setting a positive example to children. All children will be made aware of the rules during their settling in period. Any contravention of the provisions of this policy will be dealt with under the Club's Staff Disciplinary Procedures and Behaviour Management policies.

Drugs

Staff, students, volunteers or children who arrive at Jesters clearly under the influence of illegal drugs, will be asked to leave immediately and disciplinary procedures implemented.

If a child is found in possession of illegal drugs on the premises, their parent/carer will be informed immediately. If staff are found in possession of illegal drugs, serious disciplinary action will follow.

In cases where staff are taking prescribed drugs that may affect their ability to function effectively at work, the Manager must be informed as early as possible.

If a member of staff has good reason to suspect that a parent/carer is under the influence of illegal drugs when they drop off or collect their child, they have a duty to inform the Director, the Club Manager and the designated Child Protection Officer, according to the provisions of the Safeguarding Children's Policy.

In such circumstances, the Director and the Child Protection Officer will then be responsible for deciding upon the appropriate course of action, ensuring that the safety and protection of the child remains paramount at all times.

Staff will make all possible efforts to ensure that children are not allowed to travel in a vehicle driven by someone who is clearly under the influence of illegal drugs.

Where an illegal act is suspected to have taken place, the police will be called.

Alcohol

Staff, students, volunteers or children who arrive at Jesters clearly under the influence of alcohol, will be asked to leave immediately and disciplinary procedures will follow.

If a child is found in possession of alcohol on the premises, their parent/carer will be informed immediately. Staff are advised not to bring alcohol onto Jesters premises during service hours.

If a member of staff has good reason to suspect that a parent/carer is under the influence of alcohol when they drop off or collect their child, to the extent that the safety of the child is threatened, they have a duty to inform both the Director and the designated Child Protection Officer, according to the provisions of the Safeguarding Children Policy

The Director and the Child Protection Officer will then be responsible for deciding upon the appropriate course of action, ensuring that the safety and protection of the child remains paramount at all times.

Staff will make all possible efforts to ensure that children are not allowed to travel in a vehicle driven by someone who is clearly over the legal alcohol limit.

Where an illegal act is suspected to have taken place, the police will be called.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the premises. This rule applies equally to staff, students, volunteers, children, parents/carers or any other visitors.

If a child is found in possession of cigarettes on the premises, they will be confiscated and their parent/carer informed immediately.