



ALCOHOL POLICY (FOR PUPILS)

Summary of changes

Staff member responsible	Revision date	Approved by	Approval date	Reason for update	Frequency of Review
Deputy Rector	Nov 2023	SSG	Nov 2023	New policy	36 months

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LINKS TO UNCRC

This policy links to the following UNCRC articles:

- Article 24 – Health and Health Services
- Article 31 – Leisure, Play and Culture
- Article 33 – Drug Abuse

LINKS TO OTHER DOLLAR ACADEMY POLICIES

This policy has links with the following Dollar Academy policies:

- Behaviour and Discipline Policy

CONTEXT

The school recognises the importance of a holistic education. This approach includes educating pupils in how to behave in social situations, and part of this involves helping them to develop an understanding of appropriate, responsible behaviour when alcohol is on offer.

This policy has been developed to ensure that any events where alcohol is available allows for this education to happen, whilst also ensuring the safety and welfare of the pupils.

SCOPE OF THE POLICY

There are a variety of school events throughout the year where alcohol might be served under the supervision of staff, e.g. the Form VI Christmas Dinner-Dance, House Christmas Dinners, Senior Saturday socials and the Sports Weekend BBQ. Additionally, there may be, on occasion, times in boarding houses where it is deemed appropriate for the Houseparent to serve alcohol within the guidelines outlined in this policy. This should be agreed with the Deputy Rector prior to the event. An example of this may be an 18th birthday celebration. These occasions should be kept to a Friday and Saturday night.

GUIDELINES

The senior pupils (FV and FVI) are allowed to consume 2 x 175ml glasses of wine (16% max) or 2 x 440ml cans of beer/cider (5% max). Any event where alcohol is to be served will also provide food for the pupils to consume.

Staff are expected to be present at all times to ensure expectations are adhered to and behaviour is appropriate. It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to buy alcohol. If any pupil breaches the rules on alcohol, it is likely a serious sanction in addition to a reflective written exercise will be issued.