




Beacon Academy Trust

A COMPELLING VISION FOR SUCCESS

ANTI-DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND SMOKING POLICY

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Responsible Officer	 BMAT MD, for and on behalf of the Trust.

I. INTRODUCTION – PURPOSE AND SCOPE

1. BMAT strives to provide a supportive and nurturing environment in which all students are enabled to develop their learning and personal skills; in preparation for the opportunities and responsibilities that they will encounter in their future lives.
2. This policy aims to:
 - a. Support BMAT in its endeavour to maintain the safety and well-being of all students and staff;
 - b. Clarify legal responsibilities, entitlement and obligations surrounding the issues of smoking, alcohol and drug use;
 - c. Support all members of the BMAT community by providing clear guidance and procedures on drug related issues; and
 - d. Comply with national guidance relevant research data.
3. Scope:
 - a. This policy concerns smoking, alcohol and drug use by students.
 - b. This policy does not concern the administration of prescribed or over the counter medicine to BMAT students. For guidance on this matter, see [‘Supporting Students with Medical Needs’](#) on the BMAT website.
 - c. For guidance on smoking, alcohol and drug use by members of BMAT staff, see the [BMAT Staff Code of Conduct](#), which is available on the BMAT website.
 - d. For the purposes of this policy, ‘premises’ includes everything within BMAT property boundaries including buildings, outbuildings, playgrounds, fields and also extends to other settings such as vehicles, boats, marquees or any venue managed by the BMAT at the time e.g. the premises of a school trip or visit.
4. This policy should be read in accordance with the following BMAT policies and procedures, which are available on the BMAT website:
 - a. Security;
 - b. Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management;
 - c. Safeguarding and Child Protection.
5. In accordance with the [BMAT Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure](#), alcohol, smoking and drug supplies or paraphernalia may be subject to confiscation, searching and screening.

6. This policy is primarily concerned with preventing smoking, alcohol and drug use on BMAT premises. However, in accordance with the [BMAT Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure](#):
 - a. Behaviour off-site and not on BMAT business may result in sanctions if there is a clear link between that behaviour and maintaining discipline among the student body as a whole, or if there are likely to be repercussions on-site (e.g. serious incidents involving criminal activity, anti-social behaviour on the journey to or from BMAT premises)
 - b. BMAT may notify the police and other external authorities (e.g. social care) if it becomes aware of student involvement in criminal or anti-social behaviour off-site.
7. BMAT Students will be educated on drugs via the PSHE curriculum and, where appropriate, during form time, assemblies or workshops.

II. SMOKING

8. BMAT premises are 'non-smoking' at all times and to all people; students are not permitted to bring smoking materials, including matches and lighters, onto BMAT premises.
9. Should a student be found in possession of smoking materials on school premises, they will be confiscated immediately if possible and parents/carers will be informed.
10. An investigation will be conducted to determine the most appropriate sanction, in accordance with the [BMAT Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure](#). Incidents must be reported to a member of the appropriate senior leadership team and recorded in writing, usually within 24 hours of the incident.

III. ALCOHOL

11. Students must not consume or possess alcohol on BMAT premises.
12. The consumption of alcohol on BMAT premises will be treated as a serious breach of conduct.
13. The alcohol will be confiscated immediately if possible; and parents or carers of students who have been found under the influence of alcohol will normally be asked to collect their child immediately.

14. A member of the appropriate senior leadership team will be responsible for co-ordinating the management of alcohol-related incidents and determining the most appropriate sanction following investigation, in accordance with the [BMAT Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure](#) and the [BMAT External and Permanent Exclusion Policy and Procedure](#). Incidents must be recorded in writing, usually within 24 hours of the incident.
15. Other agencies such as the LA, Youth Service, Police and Social Services will be consulted as appropriate.

IV. DRUGS

16. Illegal substances/drugs must never be brought onto or used on BMAT premises.
17. For guidance on the administration of over the counter or prescription medicine to BMAT students, see 'Supporting Students with Medical Needs' on the [BMAT website](#).
18. Illegal substances/drugs will be handed to the police as soon as possible and not stored.
19. A drug-related incident may involve the:
 - a. Discovery of drugs, or related paraphernalia, on BMAT premises;
 - b. The use of drugs on BMAT premises;
 - c. The supply of drugs on BMAT premises;
 - d. The disclosure of information about drug use by students, parents/carers, or members of staff;
 - e. The use or supply of drugs outside BMAT premises.
20. If a student is found in the possession or under the influence of illegal drugs on BMAT premises, it will be treated as a serious breach of conduct.
21. The drugs or drug paraphernalia will be confiscated immediately if possible; and parents or carers of the offending student(s) will be asked to collect their child immediately, where appropriate.
22. A member of the appropriate senior leadership team will be responsible for co-ordinating the management of drug-related incidents and determining the appropriate sanction, in accordance with the [BMAT Student Code of Conduct and Behaviour Management Policy and Procedure](#) and the [BMAT External and Permanent Exclusion Policy and Procedure](#).

23. The police will be involved if any student is discovered to be under the influence of or in possession of an illegal substance/drug. Other agencies such as the LA, Youth Service and Social Services will be consulted as appropriate.

24. Solvents:

- a. Members of staff must ensure that potentially hazardous substances (e.g. glue) are stored safely and that students are supervised when they come into contact with these substances in the course of their study.
- b. If a student is found sniffing solvent items on BMAT premises; then s/he will be issued with an appropriate sanction.