



# **ALOHA COLLEGE MARBELLA**

## **Drugs Policy and Procedure**

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### POLICY AIM

Aloha College Marbella has a clear and unequivocal policy on illegal substances and alcohol, either in regards to usage or possession within the School environment:

- Students caught with illegal substances or alcohol will be permanently excluded.
- Students caught with inappropriate substances will be excluded (fixed term exclusion).

### ETHOS OF THE SCHOOL

Aloha College Marbella actively seeks to provide an environment where all members of the community are safe from harm. As such, the school takes a robust approach to any individual or group that violates our behaviour, drugs or anti-bullying policies.

This is a school where human rights are respected; as such the responsibility to maintain high standards of behaviour lies with all members of Aloha College Marbella. It is our aim to help all students to be able to take their place safely in a world where a wide range of drugs exists.

This policy is under continuous review by the Management and the Board of Trustees because of the changing drugs scene both locally and globally.



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### DEFINITION OF A DRUG

A drug is a substance that affects the way in which the body functions physically, emotionally or mentally. For purposes of this policy, by 'drugs' we are referring to illegal substances and also legal/inappropriate substances such as: alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances, over the counter or prescription medicines and legal highs. By drugs paraphernalia we mean items such as cannabis grinders, rolling papers, filters, matches, lighters and pipes etc. It is our aim to help all students to be able to take their place safely in a world where a wide range of drugs exist.

### DRUGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The legal definition of school premises includes everything within the property boundaries including buildings, outbuildings, playgrounds, astroturf and also extends to include other settings such as vehicles, marquees or any other venue managed by the school at the time e.g. school party. The same policy applies to all educational visits, trips or residentials.

- Medicines

The school has a policy/procedure for the administration of medicines that must be followed for everyone's safety. Please refer to our Medical Conditions Policy.

- Alcohol

No alcohol may be brought on to school premises or consumed during the course of a school day. Any adult or student, parents, carers and visitors under the effects of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises. Any pupil bringing or under the influence of alcohol will be permanently excluded.

Events held outside of school hours may include the sale of alcohol for adults. Any adult who does not act responsibly will be asked to leave the premises.

- Smoking

School premises are a no smoking site at all times. Students are not permitted to bring to school smoking materials, including matches and lighters. In the interests of health and safety, should a student be found in possession of any of these on school premises, they will be confiscated and parents will be informed. Smoking on the school premises will result in a fixed term exclusion. This also applies to "vaping" and the use of electronic cigarettes. Repeated incidents will result in a permanent exclusion.

- Illegal drugs and legal highs

No illegal drugs, legal highs or drugs paraphernalia are allowed to be brought on to, or used on school premises. Bringing illegal substances onto school premises is considered a serious breach of this policy. Seeking to influence or glamorise illegal drug use or the use of legal highs either in person on school premises or via social networking sites is also considered a serious breach of this drugs policy.

Repeated incidents will result in a permanent exclusion.

- Solvents

The school will ensure that potentially hazardous substances it authorises are stored safely, and students will be supervised if it is necessary that they come into contact with them in the course of their work. Students caught misusing solvents or hazardous substances is considered a serious breach of this policy and will result in a fixed term exclusion.

Repeated incidents will result in a permanent exclusion.



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### CONFIDENTIALITY

Aloha College Marbella will always seek to work with parents and carers when information or allegations of drug use are made. There may be occasions when, for safeguarding reasons, this may not be appropriate.

Complete confidentiality can never be promised to a student. In particular if a student chooses to disclose that they are using a drug without medical authorisation, this information will not be used against them. However, action will be taken to try to ensure the student comes to no serious harm if this is considered a risk. Regarding disclosures staff will follow the advice given in the Child Protection policy, and at the annual safeguarding training.

### SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

At Aloha College Marbella the welfare of the pupils is paramount and intervention will be made if the school feels a student is showing signs which indicate particular risks of, or from, involvement with drugs, whether their own or the involvement of their parents'/carers'. Such interventions may include:

- Support and advice in school (Pastoral Care)
- Referral to specialist outside agencies for support
- Involvement of the Police

### STAFF TRAINING AND SUPPORT

We recognise the need for staff to receive appropriate training to support their work in delivering the school programme of drug education and dealing appropriately with incidents should they arise.

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### Appendix 1

#### Banned Items:

- Correction fluid, e.g. Tipp-Ex
- Glass bottles
- All knives, air guns, firework, and any other potentially offensive weapons
- All smoking materials, including e-cigarettes
- All substances/materials open to abuse/misuse (i.e. drugs, solvents, other hazardous substances)
- All alcoholic drinks
- Chewing gum
- Laser pens