

## ILLEGAL DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE POLICY

### **Statement of School's View** (i.e. school rules regarding drugs)

In the event of illegal drugs being found on a pupil or in his/her possession, the following will be informed:

- 1 the Head of Year
- 2 the Deputy Head or Principal

This will be followed by

- a an initial interview with the student
- b informing of/interview with parents.

If a pupil reports a concern regarding another pupil's use of illegal drugs or substance misuse the following action will be taken:

the Year Tutor will be informed, and will

- a interview the reporter of the rumour
- b interview the subject of the rumour

If in the opinion of the Year Tutor, there is cause for concern he/she will inform the Deputy Head or Principal, who will inform parents.

It is important for all pupils to realise that the use of illegal drugs is dangerous and can be life-threatening. Pupils who use illegal drugs need help and support rather than censure. It is the responsibility, therefore, of all pupils to bring concerns regarding drugs to the attention of a member of staff. Whilst unconditional confidentiality cannot always be given, the use made of such information will always be in the interests of the subject of the concern and will be dealt with sensitively and compassionately. No unnecessary third parties will be told.

In the event of help and guidance being needed by pupils and/or parents, the school can contact on their behalf The Crawley Substance Misuse Service which provides a comprehensive range of support and advice.

Following an investigation the school will initiate sanctions ranging through a range of monitoring procedures to verbal/written warning and expulsion depending on the gravity of the offense.

**Students who supply drugs to others at school will be expelled.**