



Standard Operating Procedures

Focus Searching, Screening and Confiscation

Aims To ensure that searches of students and confiscation of items conform to DFE Searching, Screening and Confiscation January 2018 document.

That these procedures are consistently applied across the school.

Procedures Staff may search students for any items if the student agrees.

Staff have a statutory power to search students or their possessions, **without consent**, where there are reasonable grounds or suspecting that the student has a prohibited item:

Prohibited items:

Knives or weapons

Alcohol

Illegal drugs

Stolen items

Tobacco or cigarette papers

Fireworks

Pornographic images

Electronic devices (eg: mobile phones, iPods, MP3 player, speakers)

Any item banned under school rules. These are Laser pens, aerosols and sprays, caffeine energy drinks, earphones, chewing gum, food or drink intended for sale, electronic cigarettes

Or:

Any item that staff reasonably suspect has been, or is likely to be used to commit an offence or cause personal injury to, or damage property

Confiscation

School staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. The school can also seize any items they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline

Monitoring: SLMT



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