



Hayle Academy



KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE: BANNED SUBSTANCES POLICY

Hayle Academy places a high priority on ensuring a safe and orderly learning environment for all members of the school community. Hayle Academy takes the safety of students and staff very seriously and for that reason, students are not permitted to bring the following items to school:

- Aerosol cans
- Energy drinks containing caffeine e.g. 'Red Bull'
- Lighters or matches
- Tobacco, cigarettes, cigarette papers, filters, e-cigarettes or other nicotine replacement products
- Knives, (including penknives), razor blades, catapults or any other dangerous item
- Alcohol
- Illegal drugs or 'legal highs' or any item associated with the use of illegal drugs
- Any other substance or item which could reasonably be considered to pose a risk to the safety of the school community.

Schools are permitted to search student's lockers, bags and property where we have concerns that something has been brought to school which poses a risk to students or staff. This is always done with consideration for the child and in the presence of 2 adults, one of whom is a member of the Leadership Team. We always talk to parents if a student is found in possession of any item on the above list.

Prescription medicines, painkillers and other medicines must be handed in to Reception for safe keeping during the school day.

Please note that instances of students bringing such items into school are extremely rare and we are very grateful to the strong support we have from our parents to keep children safe. Should a student be found to have a banned item the school's behaviour policy will be used to give an appropriate sanction linked to the severity of the incident. The item will be confiscated immediately. Illegal items are always referred to the police. Other items are disposed of safely by the school.

Mrs Jan Woodhouse September 2020