



EARLSTON HIGH SCHOOL POLICY ON THE USE OF ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND RELATED SUBSTANCES

Principles

The principles of the policy are

- The interests and welfare of the pupil involved should always be paramount
- The school will adhere to the council policy for the misuse of alcohol, drugs and related substances (June 2008).
- Earlston High School will promote a culture of sensible drinking through the provision of information and advice.
- Any incidents involving parents or carers on school premises or a disclosure should be dealt with under the Scottish Borders Inter-agency Child Protection Guidelines

Key points:

- A member of staff who suspects or knows that a pupil has an alcohol, drugs or related substance problem should seek help from his/her line manager or a member of the Senior Management Team.
- The matter will be dealt with immediately
- The welfare of the individual is paramount - a school first aider will oversee the medical side whilst SMT follow the SBC protocol.
- A parent/carer will be informed and they will be advised to contact his/her GP and/or appropriate agency for help.
- Mary Carryer, our Community Health Nurse is always available for advice, counselling or other support.

Pupils need to be clear about:

- school policy on substance misuse and the steps taken when a concern is raised.
- the consequences of involvement in substance misuse and the action the school may take –possible exclusion from school and/or health/police involvement.
- They should inform a member of staff immediately if they find drugs, medicine bottles, syringes;
- The steps taken by school when a disclosure is made- limits to confidentiality and referral to other agencies when pupils welfare is at risk;
- access to first aid – where to go, who to see, what to say to get help;
- storage and supervision of medicine taken by pupils;
- parents right to information.

The following agencies will offer support:

- Mary Carryer Tel: 01896 849282
- Borders Community Addictions Team Tel: 01896 664430
- Borderline Tel: 0800 0274466
- National Drugs Helpline Tel: 0800 776600
- Adfam (families affected by drugs) Tel: 020 72029434
- Breathing Space Tel: 0800 838587
- Occupational Health Service Tel: 01896 825982
- Alcoholics Anonymous Tel: 0845 7697555