

St Vincent's School for Blind and Partially Sighted Children

Policy Document Title:	Smoking and Alcohol Policy
To be read in conjunction with:	Health, Safety and Security Policy Health Promotion Policy Code of Conduct, Discipline, Rewards and Sanctions for Pupils Policy Positive Handling Policy
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St. Vincent's School Mission Statement:

Inspired by the example of St. Vincent, we work together in a safe and caring atmosphere, where a high standard of education and care are provided.

We encourage a sense of achievement, self-worth, moral responsibility and mutual respect, honouring all faith traditions and beliefs. Each one of us in our community is special and unique. Gifts and talents are valued and nurtured through all our work.

We are outward looking In our approach to the wider educational and social community and we encourage all our young people to become independent and to integrate fully into society.

St Vincent's School is a No Smoking Site.

Therefore smoking by any person on the site of the school is not permitted.

Staff are forbidden to drink alcohol whilst on duty.

Pupils who are over 18 are permitted to drink alcohol in the following circumstances:

- a. As part of their planned independence living skills programme
- b. With written permission from parent(s)
- c. Under staff supervision

Pupils are made aware of the risks of drinking too much:

- a. Through open discussion
- b. Through Health Promotion
- c. Through drug and alcohol education during PSHEE lessons

Drunkenness is not tolerated

- a. Pupils aged 18 and over will not be permitted to drink more than three units of alcohol whilst in the care of St Vincent's Staff.

Pupils are encouraged to make informed, healthy choices and decision regarding their use of alcohol.

Alcohol or substance abuse by pupils may lead to exclusion.