



SUBSTANCE USE POLICY

The problem of drug abuse has become a serious problem in our society. The school has drawn up a comprehensive Substance Use Policy, the full text of which is available on request.

The key paragraph in the policy reads:

School Substance Use Policy Statement

Ratoath College does not accept or tolerate the possession, use or supply of banned or prohibited substances and/or drugs paraphernalia, use or supply of alcohol or solvent based substances by any student on the school grounds, in uniform, on school trips and outings or during school-related activities..

Drugs prescribed by a medical practitioner for a particular student are accepted. In such instances the parents must give prior notice to the school authorities of the situation.

Students may not give another student any prescribed or "over the counter medication"

Teachers will not give a student any prescribed or "over the counter medication" except in exceptional circumstances and with the prior consent of the parent.

Severe sanctions may be imposed (including exclusion) where the school authorities have been satisfied that the policy has been contravened by any student.