

POLICY: CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY

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BASIC PREMISES

- It is not permitted for boys to consume alcohol whilst still at school, and the school cannot condone in any circumstances, the consumption of alcohol by boys attending RBPS.
- The school is concerned with the development of character and values amongst its learners, and seeks to inculcate appropriate and acceptable behaviour in all contexts.
- The school seeks to share responsibility with parents in educating RBPS boys regarding the acceptable consumption of alcohol by adults entitled by law to consume alcohol.
- The school is concerned with the use of alcohol amongst its Staff and Parent Body, and seeks to promote responsible consumption at all social school events where alcohol is available.

THE LAW

- Persons under the age of eighteen (18) are not permitted to consume alcohol in public places or in licensed premises.
- Those entitled by law to consume alcohol are required to observe the legal drink-driving limits before driving a motor vehicle.
- There are also laws that regulate standards of public behaviour and conduct whilst intoxicated.

THE SCHOOL'S RULE

Boys are prohibited from consuming alcohol or personally being in possession of alcohol –

- On the school premises
- Anywhere whilst wearing school uniform
- Out of uniform on a school related activity, e.g. tour, outing, class party, end of season party or a school social.
- In any circumstances where they would be identified as learners at RBPS, thereby bringing the school into disrepute.

Staff and Parents: –

- May not consume alcohol on the school premises during ordinary school hours.
- May not consume alcohol whilst responsible for transporting pupils at school related activities.
- May not be intoxicated at any school related activity or social occasion.
- Should in no event bring the school into disrepute through unacceptable behaviour resulting from consumption of alcohol.
- Should not offer or serve alcohol in their homes to underage boys.

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Social events –

- The Headmaster's permission is required to serve alcohol at any event.
- A senior teacher shall always be present and have authority to oversee the event at which alcohol will be served.
- Display and serving of alcohol will be separated from the main service area.
- No RBPS boys will be permitted to be at or behind the bar.
- Alcohol should only be served as part of a meal if boys are present.

Tours –

- Teachers should at all times conduct themselves in such a manner so as to be role models for RBPS boys. A teacher is not permitted to consume alcohol whilst being in charge of or supervising boys on any school-related outing or tour (irrespective of the conduct of teachers from other schools who may be present).
- Teachers may however, in circumstances where boys are handed over to hosts, consume alcohol with discretion and in moderation.

GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION

- Through the life skills programme boys will discuss appropriate and responsible behaviour with regard to consumption of alcohol.
- All boys will be informed of the school's policy about the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

EXPECTATIONS FROM TEACHERS

- A teacher is required to promptly report to the Headmaster, any occurrence where boys are seen to be consuming alcohol in contravention of this policy or appear to be behaving in an intoxicated manner.
- The Headmaster will, in conjunction with parents, consider what action to take on receiving such reports.
- RBPS recognises that teachers can play an important role in preventing underage consumption of alcohol, and seeks through its staff to foster an environment where the consequences and penalties for underage consumption of alcohol are clearly understood and enforced.

SIGNED:

Chairman RBPS Governing Body