



## Alcohol Policy (Pupil)

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The School recognises that the drinking of alcohol is part of our current social fabric and it seeks to educate pupils in a responsible approach towards its consumption. Whilst the School accepts that parents must be responsible for what their children consume in the home or under direct parental supervision out of School, it does not allow the consumption or possession of alcohol at School except under the circumstances outlined below. In no circumstances does the School expect the law governing the purchase, possession or consumption of alcohol to be broken by its pupils either at School, on School trips or at home. A pupil who brings alcohol into the School is likely to be given a fixed term exclusion.

### 2. Restrictions

- 2.1 The School's policy is that no pupil is allowed to drink alcohol at Reed's or on a School Trip except under circumstances detailed below:
- A group of pupils, such as at a Toastmasters' dinner or on a ski trip of an age to consume alcohol legally\*, is closely controlled by members of the academic staff in charge of an activity at Reed's or on a trip. Closely controlled must be interpreted as at least one member of staff is in the same place as the pupils who are allowed to drink alcohol. Three units of only beer or wine must be the maximum amount of alcohol consumed by any pupil. Soft drinks should be available.
  - A group of pupils, such as a sports team, is offered alcohol by their hosts after an event or fixture. Only pupils of an age to consume alcohol legally\* should be allowed to receive such an offer and members of staff must supervise as outlined above.
  - If pupils are staying with host families whilst on a School Trip the member of staff in charge of the trip must make the School's policy on alcohol consumption clear to the hosts.
- 2.2 It is understood that members of staff in charge of School Trips will be sensible in their own consumption of alcohol and set a good example to the pupils. It is important that on any one day at least two members of staff agree to consume no alcohol and thus be in the position to deal responsibly with any emergency, and if the party of pupils contains both boys and girls this must apply to one male and one female member of staff. No member of staff driving a vehicle with pupils in it should consume any alcohol.

2.3 \*Over 18 years of age if drinking alcohol on licensed premises: over 16 years of age if drinking alcohol with a meal in a restaurant. If local laws outside the United Kingdom specify older ages these must be observed; if they specify younger ages United Kingdom laws should be observed.

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