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OFFENSIVE WEAPONS POLICY

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe environment for tutors, learners, parents, and carers in which to visit, work, and study.

Definition

Section 1 of the Prevention of Crime Act 1953 provides that an offensive weapon is any article made or adapted for use for causing injury to the person or intended by the person having it with them for such use by them or by another person.

Sections 139 and 139A of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 apply to any article which has a blade or point, except a folding pocketknife unless the cutting edge of its blade exceeds 7.62 centimetres (3 inches). For the purposes of this policy, we consider all articles with a blade or point to be offensive weapons, regardless of length.

Aims

- To ensure a safe environment for tutors, learners, parents, and carers
- To educate learners about the dangers and consequences of weapon possession
- To develop awareness of risk, responsibility, and personal safety
- To enable learners to feel safe and develop confidence and self-esteem
- To work in partnership with relevant safeguarding partners and local agencies
- To support learners in developing responsible, lawful, and informed decision-making
- To promote positive citizenship and understanding of moral and legal responsibilities
- To ensure tutors are provided with clear guidance in line with current legal and safeguarding expectations

Practice

- If it is suspected that a learner is in possession of a weapon, the tutor must leave the premises immediately and inform the parent/carers (where safe to do so), the Company Director, and emergency services (police) without delay
- Where there is immediate risk, tutors must prioritise personal safety and exit the environment before making contact
- An investigation will take place and all relevant individuals may be asked to provide written statements to establish the level of risk
- The commissioning school/local authority and relevant safeguarding partners will be



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informed in line with safeguarding procedures

- If a weapon is discovered or confirmed, the police will be informed in line with local safeguarding protocols and joint agency procedures
- We will follow relevant Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) procedures at all times

References

- Prevention of Crime Act 1953
- Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act 1959
- Knives Act 1997
- Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Sections 139 and 139A)
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2024
- DfE Behaviour in Schools Guidance
- Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) procedures

Review

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