



# **Confiscation Policy**

## **'Building for Successful Futures'**

<b>Formally adopted by the Governing Board of</b>	<b>Fred Nicholson School</b>
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### **Introduction**

The Education and Inspections Act 2006 states that it is 'entirely proper' to confiscate in a reasonable and proportionate way. Pupils are actively discouraged from bringing valuables or any other items into school. These may be jewellery, electrical items, cameras, computer games, mobile phones, ICT equipment and treasured items. Pupils are expected to hand these items into the office if they are brought into school in order to keep them safe.

In the case of illegal items such as smoking related materials, drugs or weapons, if staff are suspicious that pupils have such an item with them they will inform a senior member of staff.

### **Aims**

Items which have been handed in may be collected at the end of the school day by the pupil accompanied by a member of staff.

Confiscated goods will be handed to the Passenger Assistant on the pupils transport to pass on to the pupils' parents / carer. Where possible we return any unclaimed property to the relevant owner. Parents/carers will need to collect items connected with smoking from the school office. Other illegal items may need to be handed to the police.

### **Broad Guidelines**

#### *Searching Pupils*

The Violent Crimes Reduction Act 2006 makes it lawful for identified staff to search pupils for weapons. At Fred Nicholson School it would be a member of the Senior Leadership Team, taking into account the needs of the pupil concerned and involving other staff as appropriate. All staff are Norfolk Steps trained to safely de escalate situations wherever possible. Pupils under suspicion of concealing drugs or stolen goods about their person MAY NOT be searched by school staff. The Police should be contacted and asked to perform the search. Until a time when this is possible the pupil will be in the LSC or Reflection for their own and others safety. Parents/carers and the Chair of Governors will be informed by telephone and letter should these actions be necessary.

#### *Exchange/Swap of Items*

Pupils are not allowed to exchange/swap or sell personal items on the school premises. If pupils are found to be exchanging or selling personal items the items will be confiscated.



### *Cultural/Religious Items*

Consideration will be given to the cultural/religious/ethnic background of the pupil with regard to items and confiscation. However, the keeping and wearing of such items will have to meet with the Health and Safety standards set by DfE and the school.

### **Links to Other Policies**

Attendance  
Promoting Positive Behaviour  
Action Against Bullying  
Single Equalities  
Pupil Well Being

### **Equality Impact Statement**

*The Governors have reviewed this policy giving due regard to their responsibilities with respect to the equalities agenda, in line with recent legislation. They believe that the policy reflects a positive attitude and approach to all members of the school community.*

Policy Approved by:

  
Head Teacher

\*to be ratified on 09.12.20