



THE CHERWELL SCHOOL

RIGHT TO SEARCH POLICY

In line with recent legislation the staff at Cherwell School reserve the right to search students if they have reason to believe that they are carrying offensive weapons or illegal substances. Similarly students can expect to be physically restrained if they present a danger to themselves or other members of the community.

Searches will be carried out by Year Leaders or members of the Senior Leadership Team and Parents/Carers will always be informed when this has happened.

If inappropriate articles are brought in to school or used inappropriately they may be confiscated and kept in the school safe for collection at the end of the day. If these items are dangerous or illegal they will be handed to the Police for safe disposal.

The Cherwell School works closely with its Police Liaison Officers. If students are involved with any activity which breaks the law the police may be involved in the confiscation of items, Restorative Justice Conferencing, group work and education as well as links with home. Parents/Carers will always be informed when the police are involved and given the opportunity to attend any interviews.

Similarly the police will be involved if any student is suspected of having contact with an illegal substance. This includes possession, using or dealing. In such cases, the police will decide what course of action should be taken.