



IWYS ALTERNATIVE PROVISION Banned Items Policy

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IWYS Alternative Provision Policy on Banned Items

In accordance with DfE and government guidelines, our provision may search your child if they think your child has any banned items. [Searching, screening and confiscation in schools - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/searching-screening-and-confiscation-in-schools)

The member of staff should always try to get your child's cooperation before searching them. If your child does not cooperate, the staff member may still search them if there's a risk of serious harm. [Behaviour in schools: sanctions and exclusions: Searches for banned items - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/behaviour-in-schools-sanctions-and-exclusions-searches-for-banned-items) Consequences for violating this policy may include confiscation of the item, parental notification, exclusion, and involvement of law enforcement if necessary. For more information, please speak with the Proprietor (Charmaine Baines) in person.

1. **Weapons** - Any item designed to cause harm, including firearms, knives, tasers, or any other dangerous objects, are strictly prohibited on IWYS premises. This includes replicas or toy versions that may cause fear or confusion.
2. **Illegal Substances** - Possession or use of illegal drugs, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, ecstasy, or any controlled substances, is strictly forbidden. This also includes drug paraphernalia.
3. **Alcohol and Tobacco Products** - Students are not allowed to bring alcohol, tobacco products, or vaping devices onto IWYS property. This includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and any other nicotine delivery systems.
4. **Explosives and Fireworks** - Items such as fireworks, firecrackers, or any explosive materials are not permitted on IWYS grounds due to safety concerns.
5. **Pornographic Material** - Bringing, sharing, or distributing any form of pornographic material, including magazines, videos, or digital content, is prohibited.
6. **Gaming Devices and Accessories** - Personal gaming devices, such as consoles, handheld gaming systems, or gaming accessories, should not be brought to IWYS unless otherwise instructed by a teacher for educational purposes.
7. **Laser Pointers** - Laser pointers or any other laser devices that could disrupt the learning environment or pose a safety hazard are not allowed.
8. **Inappropriate or Offensive Items** - Items that promote hate speech, violence, discrimination, or any form of harassment are banned. This includes clothing with offensive language or symbols or anything that has been, or is likely to be, used to cause injury or commit an offence.
9. **Large Sums of Money or Valuables** - Bringing large sums of money or valuable items to IWYS is discouraged to prevent theft or loss.
10. **Animals** - With the exception of service animals, bringing pets or other animals onto IWYS property is not allowed.