

# CALDER HOUSE SCHOOL

Thickwood Lane, Colerne, Near Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 8BN

## Prohibited items

Pupils really enjoy bringing interesting things into school to “show and tell” their teachers and classmates... and we really enjoy this too. We welcome it and set time aside during our Celebration Assemblies for this very purpose. However, we ask that parents do not allow their children to bring items from home into school without obtaining prior permission from the Head of School. We also draw parents’ attention to the list of prohibited items that pupils are expressly forbidden to bring on to school premises. This list includes many things that are obvious and reflect common sense and has been drawn up to help us safeguard all the members of our school’s community.

Prohibited items - pupils may not bring any of the following things into school:

- Knives or weapons
- Alcohol
- Scissors and other cutting tools
- Drugs of any sort including medicines\*
- Solvents including glue/adhesive
- Stolen items
- Tobacco products and e-cigarettes
- Fuel/flammable material
- Nuts – this include all nuts not just peanuts
- Fireworks
- Matches/lighters
- Electrical items
- Sexually explicit images
- Mobile phones/watches/devices
- Any device that can connect to the internet
- Any article that a member of staff might reasonably suspect could cause personal injury or damage property

**\* If a child requires medication while at school**, this medication must be brought into school by an adult and handed to a member of staff with written instructions authorising its use and setting out how/when it is to be administered. Staff are not permitted to administer medication without written instructions from parents. Pupils are forbidden to bring medicine into school – even with the intention of bringing it to a teacher.

Under the powers of the Education Act (1996) the Head of School, and staff authorised by her, have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. School staff can also seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline.



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In line with best practice, a member of staff conducting a search of a child or their possessions should be observed by a colleague. The parents of the child must be informed immediately and the incident recorded in the Incident Book.

Calder House's policy on Prohibited Items has been drawn up in line with the advice on Searching, Screening and Confiscation published by the Department for Education (January 2018).

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