



**Educ8**

Education Delivered with Utmost Care

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### **OFFENSIVE WEAPONS POLICY**

#### **Rationale**

The purpose of our policy is to ensure a safe environment for tutors, students, parents, and carers in which to visits, 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 him for such use by him or by some other 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). Please be aware that Educ8 considers all articles with a blade or point an offensive weapon, irrespective of length.

#### **Aims**

- To ensure a safe environment for tutors, students, parents, and carers.
- To educate students about such dangers.
- To develop self-knowledge and awareness.
- To enable students to feel safe, develop confidence and self-esteem.
- To work in partnership with Bedfordshire Constabulary.
- To enable individuals to become good citizens through the examination and evaluation of moral duties and responsibilities commensurate with living in society.
- To enable students to make informed, reasoned, and responsible choices about their lifestyle, both now and in the future.
- To provide accurate information and guidance for tutor compliant with current legal guidelines.

#### **Practice**

- If it is suspected that any student is in possession of a weapon, the tutor should leave the premises and the parent, the police and the Company Director, Nigel Jones should be informed immediately.
- An investigation will take place and all individuals involved will be asked to provide written statements to ascertain the level of danger, the school and the Local Authority will be informed and provided with the evidence collated.
- If a weapon is discovered the police will be informed as set out in the Joint Protocol Policy with the Bedfordshire Constabulary.
- We will have regard to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Local Authority guidelines at all times.

#### **References:**

Prevention of Crime Act (1953)



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Restriction of Offensive Weapons Act (1959)

Knives Act (1997)

Criminal Justice Act (1998)

DFE Searching, Screening and Confiscation (February 2014)

*N K Jones*

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