



# **Food and Drink Policy**

Ormiston Bushfield Academy

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## Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of centre	Dennis Kirwan
Senior leader(s)	Rebecca Rhodes
Exams officer	Charlotte Turner
Other staff (if applicable)	Leigh Drew (SENCo) Carla Jones (Deputy SENCo)

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Ormiston Bushfield Academy is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE refer to the JCQ publication **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

## **Purpose of the policy**

This policy confirms that Ormiston Bushfield Academy reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow food and drink in the examination room, and confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed regarding food and drink in the examination room
- appropriate arrangements are in place for the management of food and drink in the examination room

## **1. Food and drink in the examination room**

- Food and drink is allowed in the examination room at the discretion of the head of centre (ICE 18.4)

To enable invigilators to check these items quickly and efficiently:

- food brought into the examination room by the candidate must be free of packaging and in a transparent container
- drink bottles must be transparent with all labels removed, which would include transparent, reusable plastic bottles (ICE 18.4)

The following arrangements are applied at Ormiston Bushfield Academy:

Water is allowed in the exam room following the rules from the ICE Booklet. Students are reminded to remove labels and have clear bottles prior to the exam series and before each exam session.

Additional centre-specific arrangements:

Food is not allowed in the exam room unless students have a medical condition like Diabetes. For this arrangement, the student follows the rules as set out in the ICE - food must be free of packaging and in a transparent container.

## **2. Roles and responsibilities**

### **The role of the exams office/officer**

- Through briefings, ensure candidates are aware of the regulations, and centre-specific arrangements, relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Ensure invigilators are trained and aware of the regulations/centre-specific arrangements relating to food and drink in the examination room
- Escalate any issue or breach of centre-specific arrangements to the relevant senior leader for the application of internal sanction(s)
- Escalate any breach of JCQ regulations immediately to the head of centre (a breach of the regulations constitutes suspected or actual malpractice)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

### **The role of the invigilator**

- Be vigilant in the examination room and remain aware of incidents or emerging situations, looking out for malpractice (ICE 20.2)
- Record what has happened and actions taken using an incident log in relation to any breach of regulations/centre-specific arrangements regarding food and drink in the examination room (ICE 20.2)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

**The role of the head of centre**

- Report to the awarding body immediately all cases of alleged, suspected or actual malpractice in connection with the examination (ICE 24.3)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

**Changes 2025/2026**

(Updated) Reference to ICE 18.2 updated to 18.4

**Centre-specific changes**

Upon review in October 2025 no centre-specific updates or changes were applicable to this document.