



Food and Drink Policy (Exams)

Policy/Procedure creator: Mrs K Hickman

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Centre Name	Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College
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Current policy reviewed by	Mrs K Hickman
Current policy approved by	Mr G McClarey 
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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Exams officer	Mrs K Hickman
Senior leader(s)	Mrs S Thomas (Deputy Headteacher); Mr P Edmunds (Assistant Headteacher); Mrs C Corbin (Assistant Headteacher)
Head of centre	Mr G McClarey
Other staff members (if applicable)	Invigilators (various)

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Blessed Edward Oldcorne Catholic College 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 Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College 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 18.2)
- Any food and drink brought into the examination room whether by the candidate or the centre must be free from packaging and all labels are removed from drink containers (ICE 18.2)
- 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 18.2)

The following arrangements are applied at Blessed Edward Oldcome Catholic College:

- Food and drink is allowed in the examination room only where:
 - food is free from packaging and in a transparent container
 - all labels are removed from drink containers and drink bottles are transparent

Additional centre-specific arrangements:

- Requests in the first instance should be made to the Exams Officer.
- Requests will only be usually granted on the basis of medical requirements or on examination clash days.
- Only food that can be consumed without disturbing other students will be permitted.

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 on the exam room incident log in relation to any breach of regulations/centre-specific arrangements regarding food and drink in the examination room

Additional responsibilities:

Not Applicable.

The role of the head of centre

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

Additional responsibilities:

Not Applicable.

CHANGES 2022/2023

(Added) The change as appears in ICE 18.2:

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CENTRE-SPECIFIC CHANGES

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