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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Head of centre	Russell Harris
Senior leader(s)	Rachel Baroni Andy Rosie
Exams officer	Michelle Hutchinson
Other staff (if applicable)	Jackie Hudson Invigilators

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Fulford School 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 Fulford School 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 Fulford School:

Food and drink is allowed in the examination room only where food is free from packaging and in a transparent container. All labels must be removed from drink containers and drink bottles must be transparent.

All candidates are permitted to bring water into an examination, however only those with a special exemption granted by the Senco or Head of Centre may bring food into an examination room. This will typically be for a medical reason.

Additional centre-specific arrangements:

Food is only permitted in the exam room under special circumstances and with permission from the Head of Centre. Permission must be sought in advance of the examination series starting.

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

No changes