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Centre Name	Twynham & The Grange School
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Key staff involved in the procedure

Role	**Name**
Executive Headteacher	Matthew Woodville
Head of Centre	Kate Ball / Laura Concar
Senior leader(s)	Cath Swart
Exams manager/officer	Rebecca Ricketts

This procedure is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that food and drink in the examination room at Twynham TGS is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations and reflects centre practice.

References in this procedure to ICE refer to the JCQ document **Instructions for conducting examinations**.

Purpose of the procedure

This procedure confirms that Twynham TGS 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 Twynham TGS:

- 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:

- Food is only allowed on medical grounds with all labels or packaging materials removed Water is allowed if in clear bottles and label removed

2. Roles and Responsibilities

The role of the exams manager/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)

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

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: