

## **Case Study No 1.**

Johnny Age 13, is in his first year of secondary School. This is a mixed school with 600 students attending.

In his years in Primary school years he always had good results in his test and once achieved best student of the year. His attendance was also very good and hated missing school.

Johnny joined his local GAA club at the age of seven and played right up to under 13 years again he achieved so much and loved all sports,

He had a lot of friends both from school and from the GAA club, and was real outgoing type of child.

In the first two months in secondary school he settled in very well, and was enjoying all his new subjects.

Shortly after the Christmas holidays Johnny's Mam and Dad notice small changes in his behaviour, at first they thought it was the dreadful (teens and the blues) and both parents made allowances for Johnny.

One day Johnny's Mother received a call from the school Principle, requesting her to call into the school that he needed to talk to herself and her husband.

They both rushed to the school and on the way they both thought that Johnny was after being in an accident at school.

On arrival to the school they were both met by the principle in his office. The principle a man of years of experience thanked both of the Parents for attending this meeting.

He began to outline the problem in relation to, what had happened that morning at the lunch break.

Johnny was seen by a member of the teaching staff smoking around the back of the school with 4 other students. When the Teacher approached this group of students they all stamped out the smokes, all students started to act in a manner that the Teacher thought that there was something not right with this situation.

On further investigation and after examination on the fag ends the Teacher discovered that the students had been smoking what look like hash. She brought this to the attention of the school principle and brought along the ends of the smokes. The Principle had a good look at what the Teacher had brought back and confirmed that he agreed it was hash  
9Roll up's.

Both Parents got a shock from this and felt so ashamed of what had happened.

Johnny was then called into the office and he too got a shock to see both his parents at the school.

Johnny broke down crying and said he was very sorry for what had happened.

After hearing his story that he was asked by older lads to join them and this was his first time to have smoked.

The Principle advised both the Parents and the student that the school had a substance mis use policy for the school. He also explained that he would have to take the necessary action.

- 1. What action do you think the parents should Take?**
- 2. What action do you think the school should Take?**
- 3. Who needs help the Parents or Johnny?**
- 4. What type of advice would you give to the Parents?**
- 5. What advice would you give Johnny?**
- 6. What should the school do regarding substance mis-use ?**

**Discuss in your small groups and feed back in the larger groups.**