

Ormesby Village Infant and Junior Schools

Drugs Education Policy

1 Aims and objectives

The aim of this policy is to acknowledge and clarify the schools' role in drug prevention and education and ensure it is appropriate to pupils' needs. The policy provides information and guidance about drug education in relation to the Science National Curriculum, as well as procedures to respond to any drug related incident, for pupils, teachers, non-teaching support staff and outside agencies.

- 1.1 The policy aims to ensure that the approach taken on the issue of drugs is a whole-school one and is part of our commitment to and concern for the health and well-being of the whole school community. Teachers need to know what to teach and how to teach it and pupils need to receive up to date, relevant and accurate information as well as support.
- 1.2 This policy aims to make clear procedures for responding to and managing drug-related incidents. Sanctions for incidents will be consistent with the school's Behaviour Policy. This policy should also be read in conjunction with the school's Science, Medicines, Health and Safety and Safeguarding policies. All staff, parents and carers and pupils are reminded of this policy on an annual basis. This policy applies at all times to the school premises, school transport as well as school day visits and residential visits.

2 Definition

'Drugs' are taken here to mean those that are legal, such as over the counter and prescribed medicines, alcohol, tobacco and solvents and illegal drugs such as cannabis, ecstasy, amphetamines, heroin, crack/cocaine/ LSD etc.

The schools believe that the possession and or use of such drugs in school, during the school day or while travelling to/from school is unacceptable. The drugs/substances covered by this policy are not to be bought, sold or otherwise exchanged or brought onto school premises during the school day, or while pupils are on school visits.

Individual exceptions may be made for pupils who require prescription medicines where appropriate.

3 Drug Education

The school provides a planned drug education curriculum through the science National Curriculum which outlines the content of the statutory drugs education.

On the whole, it will be teachers who will teach drug education in Science but, where appropriate, outside visitors may make a contribution. Such visitors should be used in a planned way and their contributions should be evaluated. Teachers will have access to on-going advice, support and training as part of their own professional development. The school actively cooperates with agencies such as the LA, police, health and drug agencies.

4 Statutory duty of the school

The Headteacher takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the governing body, parents, LA and appropriate outside agencies. The Headteacher will ensure that all staff dealing with substance issues are adequately supported and trained.

A school cannot knowingly allow its premises to be used for the production or supply of any controlled drug. Where it is suspected that substances are being sold on the premises, details regarding those involved, as well as all the information available, will be passed to the police.

5 Implementation of the Policy

In any incident of substance misuse or supply on the premises/during the school day, following discussion with the pupil and staff, action will proceed as follows:

- Any medical emergencies will be dealt with according to First Aid procedures
- In cases of substance use/misuse or supply on the premises during the school day or on trips etc, the case will be discussed with the young person and a written record taken. Parents/carers will be informed by the Headteacher as soon as possible. The support of outside agencies will be sought if appropriate.
- If a young person admits to using or supplying substances off the premises, the Headteacher should be informed. She will inform the parents/carers.
- While there is no legal obligation to inform the police, they may also be involved at the discretion of the Headteacher in consultation with Governors and staff who know the young person well.
- The school will consider each incident individually and will employ a range of responses to deal with each incident. The ultimate sanction may be a fixed-term or permanent exclusion. Parents/carers will be informed at every stage.
- The Governing Body will be involved in drug-related incidents as they are concerning other matters relating to the school.

This policy will be reviewed every year or earlier upon request.

Action	Date
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