

Drugs Policy

Rationale

1. Parkinson Lane CP School welcomes the document *Drugs: Guidance for Schools* (DfES/0092/2004) and recognises the role the school must play in the delivery of the Government's strategies on illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco. Formally accredited as a Healthy School we are committed to using this framework and taking a whole school approach to drugs.

Purposes

- 2.1 To protect the health and safety of those in our care.
- 2.2 To clarify the legal duties and responsibilities of the school and its staff.
- 2.3 To give clear signals to the school community on the benefits and dangers of all kinds of drugs.
- 2.4 To guide the way these matters will be tackled in the school curriculum.
- 2.5 To make clear our intention to react quickly and trenchantly in the event of any appearance of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or any unauthorised use of solvents or medicines in school or on school trips.

Guidelines

3. This policy applies to everyone using school premises and to staff, pupils, parents and volunteers when working for the school offsite.
4. Anyone found in possession of illegal drugs or responsible for bringing them on to school premises will be reported to the police immediately and isolated until escorted from the premises.
5. Anyone found abusing solvents, using tobacco or consuming alcohol on school premises will be asked to leave immediately. For members of staff this is a disciplinary offence.
6. Medicines brought onto school premises must be under the secure control of an adult when not required. It is not within the remit of staff to administer any medicine unless specified in a child's ~~Individual Education Plan~~ healthy care plan.
7. Drug education will be undertaken as part of the PSHCE syllabus as set out in Appendix 2 of *Drugs: Guidance for Schools*.
8. The PSHCE subject coordinator is responsible for seeing that drug education is taught effectively and that this policy is brought to the attention of all paid staff. The Head Teacher has overall responsibility for seeing that the policy is strictly applied at all times.
9. This policy must be read in conjunction with those on behaviour, child protection, school visits, staff discipline and on health and safety.

Conclusion

10. We believe our community strongly support the school in operating zero tolerance of the taking of illegal drugs and the misuse of solvents and of the use of alcohol or tobacco on school premises. The school is also committed to doing everything it can to ensure that medicinal products are only used as clinically approved.

Staff Consultation	Governor Approval	Review
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