

Kirkby Thore School Drugs Policy

At Kirkby Thore School we recognise the importance of providing a drugs education programme appropriate to each child's age and maturity. All pupils will have equal access to the drugs education programme. This document outlines the legal and educational responsibilities of all staff at the school.

Definition

For the purpose of this policy 'drugs' and 'substances' are defined as: all legal drugs, alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances, illegal drugs and over-the-counter prescription medicines.

Objectives

Our personal social and health education aims to build children's self-confidence, self-esteem and self-awareness. It encourages the development of good habits and how to make choices to promote a healthy, safe lifestyle. We teach the children how to make informed choices to improve health and well-being.

More specifically:

In the Foundation Stage the Early Learning Goals for Physical Development include:

- Dispositions and attitudes, self-confidence, esteem, control and care, making relationships, behaviour and community
- Health and body awareness, some understanding of what it means to keep our bodies healthy.

In Key Stage 1 children will be taught

- What is safe to put into/onto the body and what substances can be harmful if not used properly
- That all medicines are drugs but that not all drugs are medicines
- The places that are safe, where to get help and the people in the community who can help them
- The rules for keeping safe at home and at school
- When to keep a secret and when to tell
- That they have rights over their own bodies
- That some people need drugs to live a normal life and that some drugs can prevent the development of diseases e.g. immunisation

In Key Stage 2 children will be taught

- About the range of legal drugs encountered in everyday life
- To have some understanding of the effects of illegal drugs and associated risks
- School rules/safety rules relating to medicines, alcohol, tobacco, solvents and illegal drugs
- That discarded syringes and needles can be dangerous

Organisation

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 is also the substance co-ordinator with general responsibility for handling the daily implementation of this policy. Drugs education will be delivered through the PSHE and Science curriculum. Our school actively co-operates with Police, school nurse, social services and other agencies and is committed to developing our contacts with the wider community. Staff training will be undertaken to ensure the best current practise is upheld. Teachers will modify, as necessary, the National Curriculum programmes of study to ensure inclusion of all pupils.

Parents and Carers

As a school we share responsibility for the education of our young people with parents and carers. The school, parents and carers inform and involve each other through open and regular communication and co-operation to achieve the successful implementation of this policy.

Governors

The governing body will be involved in drug education and drug-related incidents in the same manner as any other matter concerning the direction of the school.

Confidentiality

Teachers and health professionals working within the classroom cannot offer or guarantee confidentiality.

Smoking

The school and grounds are designated as a "no smoking" area.

Medicines

Staff do not administer medication. Inhalers are stored in a safe place in school. This is in line with the school policy.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The schools drug policy will be regularly reviewed to assess its implementation and effectiveness.

Equal Opportunities

This policy has been written according to the guidelines laid down in the school Equal Opportunities Policy

Reviewed by the Curriculum Committee

Ratified by the governing body