



Hunnyhill Primary School

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Staff Responsibility	Headteacher/Family Liaison Officer
Responsibility FGB/Committee	FGB
Signed by Chair of Governors	

Substance Misuse Policy

Introduction

At Hunnyhill Primary School we recognise the fact that, as part of the community, the school, staff and pupils may at some time come into contact with the use, or misuse, of legal or illegal substances. Through effective implementation of this policy the school aims to ensure that the school community is protected, supported and educated regarding substance/drug related issues. The children are encouraged to respect their bodies and exercise control over what goes into them in an informal and health promoting manner.

Aims

This policy will reflect the general ethos of the school and the following values in particular:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for self
- Responsibility for family, friends, school and the wider community.

As part of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural education the school will:

- Provide information which is easy to understand, relevant and appropriate having regard to the age and maturity of the pupil.
- Include the development of communication and social skills.
- Encourage the exploration and clarification of values and attitudes.
- Address concerns and correct misunderstandings which pupils may have gained through the media and their peers.

Definition

A drug is any substance which, when introduced into the body, creates a change in perception and/or mood and/or how the body functions.

Curriculum

At Key Stage 1: To ensure that pupils understand the value of drugs as medicines, but also the dangers associated with unknown substances; and are aware of the safety issues surrounding the proper use of medicines and who can administer them.

At Key stage 2: To extend pupils knowledge of drugs and their effects, but with particular focus on alcohol and tobacco, with which this particular age group are most likely to come into contact; and to facilitate discussions on strategies to cope with situations where drugs might be offered to them.

Delivery will be via the PSHE / circle time and science curriculum and may use appropriate outside agencies and workshops.

Dealing with drug related incidents

Whilst it is to be hoped that no such situation will arise where a pupil appears to be involved as a supplier or taker of illegal drugs or substances, if it does, the matter will be referred to the Headteacher who will, in consultation with the pupil's parents, consider what procedures, including any disciplinary procedures, may need to be invoked. Consideration will be taken to the impact of the incident on the school, the educational and social development of the pupil, and, if considering exclusion, the impact on that pupil and others. The Headteacher will consult with the Chair of the Governors when appropriate and having regard to the severity of the incident in question. The Head teacher will also consider the necessity of involving outside agencies, such as the police.

Where it is felt that the school has been targeted to pedal illegal substances, the Headteacher will liaise with and take advice from the Police and other agencies concerned to combat such behaviour, and will ensure that all staff, parents and governors are as fully informed as advised by the Police.

It is to be made clear that the possession, consumption or use of drugs and/or alcohol will not be tolerated from any member of our school community or any other person whilst on the school premises OR any member of the school community or any other person entering the school premises for any reason whilst under the influence of any substance other than correctly administered prescription medicines.

Any such person will be asked to leave and if they do not do so the Police will be called.

Liaising with parents

In addition to such action as is recommended above, the school will seek to alert parents to the behaviour and knowledge of young people around drugs and encourage parents to have a sense of what may be an appropriate response to a drug related incident, and a sense of their preventative role as drug educators. To these ends the school will liaise with the Police and other agencies and with their assistance will seek to set up parent awareness evenings.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Headteacher has an overall responsibility for the implementation and monitoring of this policy. The school governors will monitor and support this responsibility.

The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of all members of staff under the coordination of the Family Liaison Officer and SMSC lead.

Evaluation

The Head teacher, Family Liaison Officer and SMSC lead will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy. Hunnyhill Primary School has achieved 'The Healthy Schools Initiative Award'. This policy works with the schools commitment to this award.

Please read this policy in conjunction with the Safeguarding, Child Protection, Alcohol & Substance Abuse (staff), Smoke Free School, Administration of Medicine and related policies including Whistleblowing at Work.