

Drugs Policy



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At Charlwood Village Primary School we believe that children need to be more informed of how to live a healthy lifestyle. As a school we need to equip children with the skills to make informed decisions on how to live healthy lives.

Aims:

Our aims for this policy are:

- To promote positive attitude to healthy lifestyles and keeping oneself safe
- To educate children to develop an understanding about drugs and the effects and risks of using drugs
- To enable children to understand how some drugs are helpful and others have harmful but all drugs have an effect on the body and on other people
- To support and protect pupils as far as possible who may be living in an environment where there is drug usage
- To enhance self-awareness and self-esteem so that pupils to have the confidence to make responsible choices about drugs

Definitions

Drug: all legal substances including alcohol and tobacco, all illegal drugs; over the counter and prescription medicine

Drug use: consumption/application of any drug. All drug use, including medicinal use carries the potential for harm

Drug abuse: drug taking/using which harms health or function

Drug misuse: drug taking/using through which harm may occur

Drugs

- Drug education is taught through science and PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) curriculum activities
- The school building and grounds are non-smoking areas
- Consumption of alcohol on the school site must be approved by the Chair of Governors, Governing Body or Headteacher
- The individual needs of the children will be taken into account in order to provide information about drugs at an appropriate level

Medicine Information

- Medicines are kept, where possible in the Medical Room, where appropriate medicine is kept in the fridge within the Medical Room
- All inhalers, including those which require Spacers are kept in the Medical Room in individual pupil bags and trays
- Teachers will make sure any adults working in their class are aware of where inhalers are kept
- Epi Pens are also kept in the Medical Room
- It is the responsibility of the parent to check that inhalers, epi pens and any medicines brought into school are in date
- Miss Walford and Mrs Warsop will usually administer any inhalers/medicines but in their absence this will be completed by the class teacher or the Headteacher. Medicines administered are recorded on a sheet which is kept in the School Office this includes the date, time and adult administering the medication
- Any pupils who use their inhalers are recorded on the individual pupil sheet
- Parents will be informed if pupils use their inhaler 3 times or more in a week

Safeguarding

- Incidents, including questions or comments, which are inappropriate for the school setting will be shared with parents. Concerns should be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer (Ms Lanham) or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer (Mr Warren)
- Evidence of illegal drug use or alcohol misuse should be reported to the Headteacher, Chair of Governors and Designated Safeguarding Officers who will inform the police
- Where there is drug or alcohol misuse by parents/carers or staff, the school will hold the welfare of the child as paramount and aim to provide practical and emotional support

Please also refer to the following related policies:

PSHE Drug Guidance

Administering Medications Policy

Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs Policy

Staff Code of Conduct

Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

All of these policies can be accessed via the School Office.

Success Criteria

We will know that this policy has been successful when:

- The children are able to identify the difference between drugs which can help us and drugs which are bad for us
- The children are able to identify choices which will contribute to a healthy lifestyle
- Any incidents involving the illegal use of drugs either by children or adults are reported to the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Officers
- Any evidence of illegal substances being used on the school site is reported to the police
- In families where the use of illegal drugs occurs the child is protected appropriately and the family are receiving appropriate support