

ASPLEY GUISE LOWER SCHOOL

DRUGS EDUCATION POLICY

PHILOSOPHY

We believe that our school has an important role to play in enabling children to make responsible and healthy decisions. Our policy is in line with the DfE Drug Advice for Schools (2012) which outlines the important role schools play in tackling drug misuse in England, by providing drug education and pastoral support to all pupils and identifying those vulnerable to drug misuse so that pupils who need extra help either receive it in school or through referral to other services. The advice identifies 'drugs' as including 'alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, medicines, new psychoactive substances (legal highs) and volatile substances'.

AIMS

Pupils should have opportunities to develop their ability to communicate, assert themselves, take responsible decisions, identify risks and help others, thereby enhancing their competence and self esteem.

IMPLEMENTATION

Drugs Education will take place within the curriculum. These are examples of how we include drugs education in the curriculum.

- Science – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 'about the role of drugs as medicines'. Key Stage 2 'that volatile substances, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs can have harmful effects'. This will take place during 'The Humans and Other Animals' block and in Healthy Week each year.
- English - developing communication skills and being able to express their own views clearly.
- R.E - considering individual, social and moral consequences of their actions.
- DT - developing awareness of safety, hazards and risks.
- Geography - developing an understanding of effects on the environment.
- P.E - developing a positive attitude towards health.
- PSHE – Circle time, SEAL curriculum and 'Healthy Week'

Drugs Education will be taught both explicitly and implicitly through these subjects and everyday life. Mrs Mercer (Headteacher) has the responsibility for the implementation of the Drugs Policy in the school.

Pupils vulnerable to drug misuse may be identified and receive appropriate support either from within the school or through referral to other services.

PROCEDURES

All staff are made aware of the Managing Drug Related Incidents Booklet. The folder is available from the staffroom.

Above all the possession, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs within school boundaries is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

All incidents will be reported to the Headteacher and recorded. In responding to incidents involving drugs, the procedure detailed within this policy under Appendix 8 will be adhered to.

All incidents will be confidentially dealt with, working within Keeping Children Safe Guidelines and LA advice.

The site agent will check the playground for any hazardous items that affect the children's Health and Safety, and report any such findings to the Headteacher.

Drugs Education will be co-ordinated as part of the PSHE programme.

The Governors have a nominated Drugs Education Governor.

This Policy will be reviewed bi-annually in consultation with the school community.