

Corfield Church of England Infant School



Drug Education and Prevention Policy

Adopted by Governors

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Drugs Education Policy.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it”. Proverbs 22:6

1. Introductory Statement.

At Corfield Church of England Infant School, we are committed to investing in our pupils' health and well-being and by doing so we assist the process of raising pupils' achievements.

Drugs Education is an important issue that is both essential and relevant to children gaining key life skills that will be needed to ensure health and wellbeing both now and in the future.

The school policy provides a clear picture of our approach to drug education and the management of drug-related incidents. It provides a secure framework within which school staff can work. We will ensure a balanced approach and promote healthy lifestyles. This will be delivered within the context of PSHCE and the schools equalities policy.

Aims.

The overall aims of the drug education programme are:-

- To help pupils make simple choices which improve their health and well-being.
- To help pupils understand when they need to get help and to identify safe people to whom they can go.
- To identify safety rules and ways that pupils can help themselves and others to keep safe.
- To ensure that all pupils are aware that household products, including medicines, can be harmful unless used properly.
- To help pupils understand the role of drugs as medicines.
- To be part of a whole school approach via a spiral and integrated PSHCE curriculum.
- Develop self confidence and assertiveness.

Organisation.

There is a planned unit of work for drugs education within the PHSCE long term framework for all year groups, and where appropriate, links are made within other curriculum areas during the year. This enables us to provide a planned spiral curriculum where drugs education is planned in a continuous and progressive way throughout the key stage.

Learning and Teaching.

Drug education is delivered in an interactive, thought provoking and interesting manner using a variety of learning and teaching approaches.

These include:-

- Discussion work
- Paired talk
- Group activities
- Role play
- Drama
- ICT
- Use of literacy texts
- Visiting speakers/ outside agencies

The drug education programme is taught in a caring and safe environment where children's genuine questions and concerns can be sensitively addressed.

Resources.

A range of resources are used to support learning and teaching. These include:-

- Life Education Resources – 'Harold' big books and materials
- HPS 'Choices' pack and materials
- Primary Drugs Education pack
- A variety of literacy texts

Managing Drug Related Incidents.(see also separate policy)

Other than the legitimate use of medicines it is against the school rules for children to bring any other drugs onto the school site. A drug related incident at this school is likely to concern the inappropriate use of medicine by children. Sometimes it might involve drug related incidents with parents.

The school believes it is in the best interests of all concerned to inform parents / carers of any reported drug related incidents. The exception would be where the school believes the child would be at serious risk from the parent / carer.

As in all circumstances where a pupil is at risk of abuse or neglect the Child Protection Procedures will be applied or a referral to Starting Point will be made to ensure the family have access to 'Early Help' services.

The school will take full account of the circumstances when considering the role and involvement of the police. However if illegal drugs are found on the school premises the local police will be informed.

Parent / Carer and Governor Involvement.

We value the important role parents, carers and governors play within our school community and are committed to ensuring they:-

- are informed about the drug education programme via the school website, displays of work and resources.

Administration and Storage of Medicines.(see separate policy)

All members of staff at Corfield Church of England Infant School are committed to ensuring the health and well-being of our pupils. Where children admitted to the school have specific medical needs that may require medication during the school day, (eg. asthma, peanut allergy, diabetes), prescribed medication will only be administered with written consent from parents / carers. All prescribed medication for pupils will be stored in a secure cupboard in the classroom or school office. Parents may, however, administer medicine to their child during the school day, if necessary, by prior arrangement with the Headteacher.

Role of Teaching Staff.

The school supports all teaching and supporting staff in accessing drug related training. Training will also be provided in house via staff meetings, INSET, parents meetings and governors meetings. We believe that access to good quality training and information helps build teachers confidence in delivering drugs education. The school also has a drug education co-ordinator who:-

- Is responsible for leading and managing an effective drugs education programme throughout the whole school.
- Updates resources and information.
- Maps existing provision
- Keeps up to date with the latest developments through attendance at relevant training courses.

Outside Agencies.

All agencies involved with delivering drugs education will receive a copy of this policy. Inputs from outside agencies are jointly planned with those concerned ensuring a consistent approach with the school ethos. We also ensure their delivery and messages match with our standards of good practice.

Monitoring and Review.

Drug education is reviewed and evaluated as part of school practice by the staff and the children to ascertain what has been learnt and to establish how future work may become more effective. It is reviewed annually.

If any member of the school community wishes to obtain a copy of the policy or comment on it please contact Mrs. Kathryn McKinley (Headteacher)).

Drug Education at Corfield

Drugs Education is an important issue that is both essential and relevant to children gaining key life skills that will be needed to ensure health and wellbeing both now and in the future. We aim to ensure that drugs education is part of a whole school approach via a spiral and integrated PSHCE curriculum.

Meet Harold the giraffe



This is what we aim to teach the children at Corfield.

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I help pupils make simple choices which improve their health and well-being.

I help children to identify safety rules and ways that pupils can help themselves and others to keep safe.

I ensure that all pupils are aware that household products, including medicines, can be harmful unless used properly.

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