

**SHARLEY PARK COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL
DRUGS/SUBSTANCE MISUSE
POLICY
2020-2021**

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Section 1 of the Education Reform Act 1988 places a statutory responsibility upon schools to provide a broad and balanced curriculum which:-

- a) Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural and physical development of pupils within the school and society.
- b) Prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

As part of that, this policy aims at defining the Sharley Park Community Primary School agreed position in relation to drugs education, covering legal and illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco and solvents.

It is for the whole community and the whole school will be involved in implementing it and working within it.

Drug use by primary age children is rare but they may come into contact with drugs in a variety of ways and we feel that if young people are to be [properly equipped to make informal decisions about drugs in secondary education and later life, they need to be prepared through primary education.

AIMS OF THE POLICY

Drugs education in our school will :-

- a) Help pupils to gain an understanding of drugs and drug use.
- b) Dispel myths.
- c) Provide accurate information.
- d) Clarify values and attitudes.

CONTENT OF DRUGS EDUCATION

The New National Curriculum includes drug education in the Science Curriculum and in the Health Education cross curricular theme:-

At Key Stage1 (5 – 7 year olds) will learn about the role of drugs as medicines.

At Key Stage 2 (7 – 11 year olds) should:-

1. Know that all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines.
2. Know that there are over the counter, prescribed legal and illegal drugs and have some idea of their effects.

3. Know how to make simple choices and exercise some basic techniques for resisting pressure from friends and others.

4. Know the importance and beneficial part drugs have played in society.

MEDICAL DRUGS IN SCHOOL

It is school policy not to administer short-term medicines to pupils e.g. anti-biotics, cough linctus etc. However some staff have agreed to administer drugs in the short term providing written consent is obtained from the parent prior to their administration. There may be cases of long-term illness where medication has to be kept on school premises e.g. Inhalers for asthma insulin for diabetics etc. The staff and pupils must be considered at all times. Particular attention must be paid to the safe storage, handling and disposal of medicines, however some medication has to be readily available in an emergency and should not be locked away. Relevant staff and the pupil concerned should know where the medication is kept. Each of these cases will be dealt with on an individual basis.

ORGANISATION

The Governors and Headteacher will be responsible for the Drugs Policy.

The Co-ordinator for Health and Safety matters is a member of the senior leadership team.

All staff members will be involved in delivering Drugs Education within the curriculum.

All non-teaching staff will be involved in the importance of safe disposal of any discarded objects in and around the school.

Parents will be invited to meetings to discuss the policy and the content of the Drugs Education.

This Policy will be circulated to all staff and parents. There will be a statement about the Drugs Policy in the school brochure.

RESOURCES

LA Advisors
School Nurse
Community police
'Primary Schools Drug Pack'
Leaflets for parents
DARE programme
Miss Dorothy. com

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