

St Anthony's Girls School

Drug Education - Policy and Guidelines

Date of Policy - September 2007

Links with other Policies

- PSHE/SRDE
- Behaviour
- Health and Safety
- Confidentiality
- Child protection
- School Visits

Guidance

This Policy follows Guidelines from:

- QCA
- LEA
- Healthy Schools Programme
- Northumbria Policy

Purpose of Drug Policy:

- Clarify the legal requirements and responsibilities of the school
- Reinforce and safeguard the health and safety of pupils and others who use the school
- Clarify the schools approach to drugs for all staff, pupils, governors, parents/carers, external agencies and the wider community
- Give guidance on developing, implementing and monitoring of the Drug Education Programme

- Enable staff to manage drugs on the school premises, and any incidences that occur, with confidence and consistency, and in the best interests of those involved
- Ensure that the response to incidents involving drugs complements the overall approach to drug education and the values and ethos of the school
- Provide a basis for evaluating the school Drug Education Programme and the management of incidents involving illegal and other unauthorised drugs
- Reinforce the role of the school in contributing to local and national strategies

To whom the policy applies:

- Pupils
- All Staff
- Parents/Carers
- Governors
- Partner Agencies
- Visitors

Policy written in consultation with:

- Head Teacher
- Deputy Head Teacher
- Governors
- SRDE Co-ordinator
- Parents/Carers/Pupils
- LEA PSHE/SRDE Lead - J Brittain
- Northumbria Police

Definition

Alcohol, Tobacco, Illegal Drugs and Volatile Substances.

Medicines and other drugs sanctioned for legitimate use.

In all other circumstances, drugs are unauthorised whether legal or not.

For information and rules regarding authorised drugs, please refer to the school Medicine Policy

Staff with key responsibility for overseeing and coordinating Drug Issues

Designated Person - Mrs M Burns.

Designated Governor - Mrs M Shepherd

- Guidelines and procedures regarding Child Protection apply to all staff regarding drug related incidents
- All drug related incidences should be referred directly to Designated Person
- Information and Guidance to be found in School Staff Handbook
- The designated person will inform the Head Teacher of any drug related incident who will in turn inform Governors
- Contact Parents/Carers
- Police (If Necessary)

Management of Drugs

The main concern in managing drugs in school is the health and safety of the school community and meeting the pastoral needs of the pupil

The Designated Person Will:

- Establish the nature of the incident
- Determine the range of factors which might be relevant to determine the seriousness of the incident
- Establish perceived needs and provide the appropriate responses

This will be in response to:

- what the pupil says
- whether it is a 'one off' incident
- whether the drug is illegal or not
- the quantity and type of the drug involved
- the pupil's motivation for Possession, Supply or Use
- the type of pupil being dealt with
- how the drug was used
- whether or not the pupil knows and understands the school policy and rules regarding drugs
- If Supply is suspected - how much and to whom?
- Was the pupil coerced to supply, was it their turn or is it habitual supply?

Ranges of Possible Responses:

- Early intervention and target prevention
- Referral
- Behaviour Support Plan
- Counselling
- Inter Agency Programmes
- Pastoral Support Plan
- Fixed period of exclusion
- Managed move to another school
- Permanent exclusion

Each incident will be managed according its own circumstances

Disposal of Drugs on the School Premises

Any illegal substance will be disposed of in the presence of a witness

Drug Education

Drug Education Co-ordinator - Mrs A Laydon

Drug Education is provided within the Frameworks for PSHE and Citizenship and the National Curriculum Science Order.

For information regarding the teaching of Drug Education please refer to the PSHE/SRDE and Citizenship Policies

Confidentiality

- Please refer to Policy relating to Confidentiality
- All sensitive information will only be disclosed internally or externally with careful attention given to the pupil's needs and rights
- All Guidelines regarding Child Protection will be followed in line with the Child Protection Policy

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Signed