

Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School Drugs Policy Linked to Healthy lifestyle.

Please read this policy in connection to all other school policies, especially, Health and Safety and Every Child Matters.

Aims

- To safeguard the health and well-being of all pupils at all times.
- To consider all drugs, legal, medicinal and illegal and to respond constructively to the issues raised by their availability and use in society.

The aim of Drugs Education is to enable pupils to develop their skills, knowledge and attitudes about all drugs and appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle relating this to their own and other's actions.

We consider drug education and awareness to be part of our ongoing safeguarding work.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Sharon Broad.

The term 'Drug' refers to illicit substances, prescribed and over the counter medicines, glue, tobacco, alcohol and anything seen as potentially harmful to a child.

Drug Education.

Drugs Education is integrated within other school studies. Our purpose is to give our pupils knowledge, skills and attitudes to appreciate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle and to relate these to their own actions both now and in their future lives.

There is an emphasis on building self-esteem and upon the unique value of each individual pupil. We also aim to develop the confidence, the skills and the sense of personal responsibility of each pupil to manage their own behaviour.

As with all PSHE Education, the pupils will be encouraged to;

- Take responsibility
- Feel positive about themselves
- Participate
- Make real choices and decisions
- Develop relationships
- Consider some simple moral and social dilemmas arising from different aspects of life
- Ask for help

Medicines on the School Site.

The school has a policy for the administration of medicines that must be followed for everyone's safety.

Medicines are not to be kept on the school premises for pupils except the following:

- Should any child need regular medicine for asthma, the inhalers are kept in the school office for children to administer themselves.
- Pre-measured doses for an ongoing condition that enables a child to continue their education
- In exceptional circumstances, individual cases when a child's safety would be put at risk. In these cases the child's parents/or carer would discuss with the school governing body who would make a decision on an individual basis after getting appropriate advice.

Alcohol on the School Site.

Alcohol is not permitted on the school premises. The Governors may grant special permission for social functions with parents, school fairs etc. Parents/visitors under the effects of alcohol will be asked to leave the premises.

Smoking on the School Site.

The school site is non-smoking at all times.

Illegal Drugs on the School Site.

All illegal drugs are forbidden on the school premises. If illegal drugs are found or suspected the Headteacher and DSL will be informed and the police will be called immediately.

Solvents on the School Site.

The Headteacher is responsible for the ordering of products in the school to ensure they are solvent free wherever possible and that potentially harmful substances are safely stored. Children should never come into direct contact with solvents in school. The cleaning fluids are under lock and key at all times. All cleaning takes place when the children are off site.

This policy has been written with reference to national guidelines and will be reviewed according to our policy review cycle or sooner if required.