



Larkrise Primary School

Drugs Education Policy

Aims

- To give children the knowledge and skills and attitude to appreciate the benefits of a healthy life style
- To teach children to keep themselves safe
- To set procedures for teachers, parents and children to follow if they come across any evidence of drug/substance mis-use
- To teach the children to be assertive in rejecting drugs/substances

Objectives in Key Stage 1 & 2

The children to:

- Know that all medicines are drugs, but not all drugs are medicines
- Recognise evidence of drug/substance misuse and what to do when they come across it e.g. discarded needles
- Learn the importance of specific medication to individual children
- Develop awareness that some drugs substances can be dangerous
- Learn strategies to avoid dangerous drugs/substances

This is done through:

Class and school discussions over the year covering:

- Medication
- Evidence of drug/substance mis-se
- Talking to strangers

PCSHE Circle Time Activities:

- Saying 'No'
- Knowing right from wrong
- Building self-esteem
- Assertiveness

The schools health education programme with PE and science covering:

- The importance of exercising and keeping fit
- Importance of a balanced diet
- Importance of a healthy lifestyle
- Knowledge that some substances are harmful

Procedures for managing any evidence of drug/substance misuse

Procedures for children and parents:

Children or parents should inform a member of staff immediately if:

- Any evidence of drug/substance misuse is found on school property
- A child is thought to possess such evidence
- They hear reports of a child being offered such evidence

Whole School Procedures for Staff

- One designated member of SLT – usually the DL, Deputy or Head, takes the overall responsibility for managing the incident and liaising with other organisations like the police, social services or City Council.
- The Head should be notified immediately any evidence of drug/substance misuse is discovered
- Any staff finding such evidence should assess whether it is safe to retrieve themselves or whether other services should be called to make necessary arrangements. Children should be kept away as a first priority.
- The Head may keep such evidence for the police to collect. He/she may pass on information to the police about drug/substance related activities by parents or older children.
- The Head will investigate any report by staff about any child suspected of involvement with drug/substance misuse. Parents may be notified.
- Any records of such incidents will be placed in a confidential file and kept in a secure place. The Head will decide whether this information passes to the next school.
- The consequences of drug related incidents involving pupils will broadly follow the same procedures as written down in the school's Behaviour Policy.

Signed.....(Chair of Governors)

Signed.....(Headteacher)

Date agreed with Governing Body: 24/4/17

Date of Review: Spring 2019