



Drug Prevention Policy Statement Substance Use and Misuse

Approved by: Pupil Wellbeing Committee

Signed: ...Mr Gallafent....

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Rationale

Our School is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take action to safeguard their well-being.

Our School believes it has a duty to educate and inform young people on the consequences of drug use and misuse including the use of legal highs.

Our School condones neither the misuse of drugs, alcohol or other substances, nor the illegal supply of these substances which also includes all categories of NPS (Novel Psychoactive Substances). NPS can be categorised as having psychoactive effects on the brain: depressants, stimulants, cannabinoids and hallucinogens.

Drug education within the school takes into account the varying needs of all our pupils, irrespective of age, ability, gender or culture, and is part of the RHSE and welfare programme.

The programme aims to:

- Enable pupils to make positive, healthy, informed choices
- Develop an understanding of the possible effect, risks and consequences of legal and illegal drug use
- Allow young people to explore their attitudes and develop an understanding of the attitudes of others
- Make pupils aware of the law relating to the misuse of drugs and understand the penalties in dealing in/or possessing drugs and other illegal substances
- Ensure that safeguarding procedures and support is in place for all pupils.

Objectives

- To provide opportunities for pupils to acquire knowledge and understanding of the dangers of legal and illegal drugs and substance misuse-
- To provide opportunities to develop individual responsibility and responsibility towards others, equipping pupils with the skills and confidence to make positive and informed choices-
- To teach all pupils ways of identifying the appropriate support agencies and to encourage pupils who may be misusing drugs to seek the help they require (harm reduction).

Monitoring and Evaluation

As stated throughout the curriculum, constant review and revision is essential to ensure all pupils gain maximum benefit from the teaching. Group records must be maintained by the teacher in order that she/he is aware of any pupil who has missed any part of the curriculum of study.

At the end of each unit of work in Key Stage 3 and 4 appropriate assessments ascertain the level of the pupils' knowledge and understanding. Assessments may also be carried out through the use of questionnaires and structured discussions.

Drugs in School

Stone Hill School is a drug free zone, and therefore we have a zero tolerance to any illegal substance on site. Any incident will be dealt with according to current guidance.

Staff Training

Any teacher involved in the teaching of RHSE and welfare should feel comfortable and be able to deliver the Programme with confidence and sensitivity whilst having a constant awareness of the feelings and anxieties of the young people with whom they are involved.

Training courses either within school or externally will be made available to all staff involved in the delivery of the programme, to increase their knowledge and awareness and keep up to date with new initiatives and legal requirements.

Dealing with Drug Related Incidents (including legal highs) in School and on School Related Visits

The flow chart issued with Drugs: Guidance for Schools (DFE/0092/2004) should be adhered to at all times and a record of the incident should be kept. This refers to incidents involving both legal and illegal drugs including alcohol, tobacco and volatile substances, including legal highs. Any adult working within school found to be using or in possession of illegal substances or legal highs will be dealt with following the same procedures and L.A. and Chair of Governors informed immediately.

Stone Hill School is a smoke free zone, no member of the school and wider community is allowed to smoke on the premises (including the grounds and car park. Refer to the Smoke Free School Policy).

During school visits/residential, all staff and pupils must adhere to the policy laid down at the venue regarding smoking (including the use of e-cigarette type devices). Staff who smoke must ensure they are not in charge of pupils whilst having a cigarette break and that no pupil can see them.

Alcohol must not be consumed by any staff at any time on out of school visits.

When dealing with any drug related incident in school we will endeavour to ensure that the young person receives the appropriate support through the curriculum, pastoral system, mentoring programme or through referral to external agencies.

In managing drugs incidents, attention needs to be paid to confidentiality. Staff cannot promise total confidentiality and this should be stated to pupils.

Attention must be paid to Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy.

- Co-operating with a police investigation
- Referral to external agencies.

There are legitimate reasons why some drugs need to be on school premises, for pupils requiring medication. The management of these is laid down in the policy relating to medications in school.

