

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Drugs Policy Statement

Rationale

Drug misuse is a major threat to individuals, families and the wider community. Drug education enables pupils to make healthy informed choices.

Purpose

- To provide up to date coverage of the effects of drugs, risks and legal aspects of taking drugs within the context of health education as part of the science curriculum.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to acquire knowledge and understanding about the dangers of drugs misuse.

Attitudes

We aim to extend the child's knowledge of themselves and the world they live in, by providing a caring, secure and supportive environment. We hope that children will make informed choices as a result of this policy.

Content

- Each child will have access to drug education, regardless of gender, ability or race. Access will be matched to their particular needs or concerns of the class.
- Children will be made aware of the effects of drugs for the individual, the family and the wider community.
- Teachers provide positive models in their attitude and approach to drugs.
- Children with Special Educational Needs will be given additional help to understand the effects and misuse of drugs.

Planning

1. Early Years and Key Stage One

Children will explore the role of drugs as medicine and understand that all drugs can be harmful if not used properly.

2. Key Stage Two

Children will look at the issues that all drugs have harmful effects if not used properly and that some drugs are illegal. There will be a variety of activities that address the harmful effects of drugs and the associated risks.

Staff training

School based INSET will be provided where necessary to enable staff training to take place. External agencies may be invited to provide school based support. When deemed necessary, the school will send selected staff on courses to maintain an up to date approach.

Cross-curricular links

This subject can be approached through other subjects in the National Curriculum.

Drug awareness – at the appropriate age for the cohort of children – may be delivered as part of an overarching approach led by an outside agent, where the content of the session is agreed and where a staff member at the school is present to ensure that the content provided is in line with policy and school procedure.

Health and safety

The Headteacher will ensure that all staff are prepared to deal with a drug-related medical emergency by calling a trained first-aider if available. Professional medical help will be called immediately. The Headteacher will be notified and the office will attempt to contact parents of those concerned.
