

St John Baptist (Southend) CE Primary School



ANTI-DRUGS POLICY

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Statement of Values

The Governing Body at St John Baptist CE Primary School believes that everyone is created in the image of God and is of infinite worth. The school's Drugs Misuse Policy is based in Christian values. In our Christian community relationships are based on these core values: loving, caring, attitudes; concern for the whole person; justice and respect for others.

Statement of Intent

Drugs misuse is a major threat to individuals, families and wider community. St John's is committed to the health and safety of everyone and will work together with parents/carers and the local community to enable pupils to make healthy, informed choices and discourage the misuse of drugs. St John's has a responsibility to ensure that there is a common understanding of the definition of drugs, the procedures established within school to administer drugs and to ensure that the adults provide good role models whilst at the school.

Principles

Drugs Education at St John's is managed through:

1. The scheme of work (PSHE)
2. Established procedures for administering drugs
3. Awareness of the health and safety issues regarding solvents
4. Role model of adults at St John's to show an "anti drugs" ethos
5. Consensus of approaches, documentation and action regarding reports of incidences involving drugs

It is a manageable whole school approach which is taught through the scheme of work for PHSE.

Procedures established which informs teachers, parents, children, LA and other agencies that are clear to all.

Lessons are taught sensitively within a secure and positive environment and with reference to the learning and teaching policy.

Staff will deal with issues sensitively and with compassion however they will not guarantee confidentiality in relation to the disclosure by a pupil, as they may need to seek specialist support or advice. This should be explained to the child at the time.

Aims

To ensure that legal requirements within the curriculum are taught in the context of the ethos and values of St John's.

To provide a programme which gives children the opportunity to acquire the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to make informed and responsible decisions about the use of drugs and other substances within the context of a healthy life style.

To provide staff with adequate training and support to help them deliver effective drugs education and respond to situations with consistency and sensitivity.

To inform parents of the content of the schools Drugs Education Policy and to clarify appropriate procedures in the management of drug related incidents, agreed by staff and governors, of which all parents/carers and pupils will be made aware.

To have a clear understanding in the school community about the implications and possible consequences of drug use/misuse.

To maintain an environment in which the school is free from the misuse of drugs.

Procedures

Medicines

Generally, the school does not administer medication. Parents are invited to administer any medication that must be given during school time. An exception to this will be when there is a care plan drawn up in consultation with the school nurse/doctor. Some children have serious nut allergies and may need a member of staff to administer an epipen. All staff are trained to administer epipens. When a care plan stipulates that medication is to be administered by school staff, this will be done by a qualified first aider. Parents will have signed all relevant forms stating the required time and dosage of medication. All medication administered will be recorded in the medical record book. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that sufficient quantities of medication are in school.

Tobacco

In the event of a pupil being found with cigarettes on their person the cigarettes will be confiscated, the parents/carers informed and appropriate action will be taken. The school site is a no-smoking area (this includes no vaping). No-one is allowed to smoke in the presence of children while on, or in the immediate vicinity of the school premises, or during school visits.

Alcohol

No alcohol should be brought into school by pupils or consumed by them on the school premises or while on school trips. In the event of a pupil being found with alcohol on their persons the alcohol will be confiscated, the parents/carers informed and appropriate action will be taken.

Solvents

The school will ensure that potentially harmful substances are stored safely and pupils are supervised carefully in the event of them having to be used in the course of their work. Cleaning materials should be clearly labelled and locked in a secure cupboard.

Illegal Substances

No illegal substances should be brought onto the school premises. Should this happen the Head of School will deal with the incident.

Drug related incidences

St John's is a drug free community. Illegal substances should not be brought into school and the use of or supply of drugs in the premises will be regarded with the utmost seriousness.

The Head of School will keep a record of all drug-related incidents. Each case will be assessed and different levels of sanctions will be used according to the seriousness of the incidents and pupil's/person's involvement. In the case of a child, parents will be informed immediately.

All staff should be aware of the legal implications of discovering a person in possession of a controlled drug and how they are expected to deal with such an event.

Police Involvement

In most cases any punishment is likely to be a school rather than a police matter. However, the school is aware of the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971), which controls the use of illegal drugs. That makes it an offence to possess or supply these drugs and it allows individuals to take possession of an illegal drug in order to prevent someone else committing an offence, providing they either hand it to the police or

destroy it immediately. The police will be contacted should the school feel it necessary.

Searches will only be made with the pupils and parents' consent and in their presence and that of another adult witness.

Roles and Responsibilities

The PHSE Co-ordinator is responsible for monitoring the planning and delivery of drugs education.

All staff to be alert to the possibility of drug misuse as a cause of observed physical or behavioural changes in pupils.

All staff to know the school's procedures in the case of drug related incidences.

To respect the confidentiality of any pupil and their family involved in a drug-related incident. However if a pupil discloses to a member of staff that they are taking drugs, staff must make it clear to the pupil that this information must be passed onto the Head of School.

If approached by the media concerning any drug related incidents, St John's will not give any statement. The Head of School will contact LA and act in accordance with their advice.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every five years or in light of any new legislation.