

Castleton&Glaisdale Federation

Drugs Policy March 2015

The aims of our school are:-

- a) To enable children to have the knowledge, skills and desires to make appropriate, healthier choices to enable them to fulfil their own potential and function as responsible citizens
- b) To provide opportunities for education about drugs in a context that recognises that the use of drugs can vary from the very helpful to the very harmful
- c) To promote the self-esteem and sense of self worth of every individual pupil irrespective of their academic abilities.

As a school we have the interests of all pupils at heart and we recognise that the use of many drugs, including medicine, tobacco and alcohol is commonplace and that an increasing number of young people are being exposed to the availability and hype surrounding illegal drugs

Drug Education

We recognise that, along with parents and others, the school can enable young people to understand how drugs can benefit and harm individuals and communities. Our school programme of health education, in which work about drugs is included, is taught formally during the Science topics about the body, P.H.S.C.E. lessons, R.E. and P.E. Informally, the topic is covered during Circle Time assemblies.

Outside agencies such as the School Nurse are invited to talk to the older children about the effects of tobacco and alcohol.

The Year Six attend two events every year – Crucial Crew and The Injury Minimization Programme for School. Both these events cover the dangers of drug misuse and how to keep safe.

Main Areas of Study

KS1 and KS2

- Know that all medicines are drugs but not all drugs are medicines
- Know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly
- Know about different types of medicine and that some people need them to live a normal life
- Know and understand simple safety rules about medicines, tablets, solvents and household substances.

KS2

- Know about different drugs and have an idea of their effects.

- Know how to make simple choices and exercise some basic techniques for resisting pressure from friends and others
- Know about the important and beneficial part which drugs have played in society.

Dealing with Medicines in Schools – see Administration of Medication Policy

The influence which adults can have on young people cannot be under estimated. Presenting young people with clear, unequivocal role models that are consistent is very helpful. Positive role models include:

- Not smoking on the premises
- Not smoking on transport including private cars where other people's children are passengers
- Being alcohol free whilst caring for young people
- Ensuring that by reason of medication or other drug use we are not impaired in carrying out our responsibilities as teachers, governors or parents.

This Policy applies to all staff, paid and voluntary, including parents, governors and visitors, when they are involved with any aspect of school life for which they are assuming a duty of care for pupils.

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