



## **Olveston CEVC Primary School Policy for Drugs Education**

### **Rationale**

"Drug misuse is a major threat to individuals, families and the wider community. Drug education enables pupils to make healthy informed choices." HMSO 1995.

We believe that our school has a duty to inform and educate children on issues of drug, alcohol and substance use and misuse.

Our school takes a pro-active stance on this matter, believing that Health Education is a vital part of the personal and social education of every pupil.

### **Aims**

- To give children accurate information about the role of drugs as medicines and their effect.
- To give children accurate information about the effects of alcohol consumption.
- To encourage responsible behaviour in relation to drug (including tobacco) and alcohol use and misuse.
- To know and understand simple safety rules about medicines, tablets, solvents and household substances.
- To promote positive attitudes towards healthy lifestyles.

### **Success Indicators**

We shall be succeeding when:

- Children have knowledge of the risks and possible harm that can result from the use and misuse of drugs and alcohol.
- Teachers feel confident teaching issues relating to drugs and alcohol education.
- We have healthy, happy and informed children.

### **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.

### **Equal Opportunities**

All children are expected to be informed and provided with the appropriate opportunities to ensure this.

The learning process is broken down into manageable steps and children are able to access the curriculum at the appropriate level, thus ensuring progression and differentiation for all including children with SEN.

Questions are answered with sensitivity taking account of pupils' ethnicity, culture and religion.

### **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**

#### ***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.

#### ***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.

### **Other adults**

All adults involved in the classroom activities are bound by school policy. Their role is dependent upon the class teacher's direction in these matters. Outside speakers i.e. police, nurse and social workers may be asked to address drug issues and drug abuse.

### **Parents**

Olveston CEVC Primary School will encourage parents to support their efforts on drug awareness and prevention.

Parents meetings will be convened to discuss concerns and share this policy about the teaching of drug awareness.

### **Staff training**

School based INSET will be provided 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.

### **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.

This policy has been issued to and acknowledged by all staff and the governing body

It will be reviewed annually or as circumstances or government directives direct.

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