



Drug Policy for Cockfield Primary School

The drug policy for Cockfield Primary School covers two key elements:

- Educational entitlement
- Management of drug related incidents

Drug Education in Cockfield Primary School

Rationale

Cockfield Primary School recognises the key role of the education service in the prevention of problematic drug use and the part that staff, in partnership with other agencies, have to play in attempting to minimise the harm consequent upon such use.

Cockfield Primary School recognises Health Education as an entitlement for **all** young people by its designation within PSHE and Citizenship. Drug education forms part of an overall strategy for PSHCE and permeates the whole curriculum - it aims to equip young people with the skills and knowledge to prepare them for adult life.

Aims

Cockfield Primary School aims to:

- Raise the awareness of all young people to the risks involved in using drugs in a society which tolerates a wide range of legitimate though damaging drugs
- Ensure that young people aged 5-11 receive good drug education so that they may respond to drug related situations with the confidence and skills necessary to make decisions relating to their emotional, social and physical well being
- Raise awareness of parents and teachers and work with other agencies to identify young people who may be at risk.

- Ensure that young people who are in situations involving the problematic use of drugs by themselves or people close to them receive appropriate help and advice.

Entitlement

Cockfield Primary School believes all children are entitled to a curriculum which explores drug related issues at a stage appropriate to their development and takes account of the particular circumstances and culture of the groups and communities to which they belong.

Drug Education delivery in Cockfield Primary School

The drug education in this school will include :

- Knowledge based on accurate up to date information
- Skills based work such as assertiveness, decision making
- Attitudinal work which addresses the variety of values and beliefs about drugs

Drug education will be delivered in a cross – curricular style by Class Teachers during PSHCE, RE and Science. It will be delivered at both Key Stages.

The overall philosophy at Cockfield Primary School is one of informed choice this is reflected in the approaches used. Visitors such as police and school nurse are occasionally used at KS 2 to support the curriculum. Drugs carousels and theatre are also used when available and appropriate. Staff attend appropriate inset when it is available.

Managing incidents

This school recognises that a range of responses may be required in the management of drug related incidents. The school recognises the need to balance the needs of the pupils and the needs of the school. We follow the latest legislation in relation to the teaching of Drugs education including the national Curriculum 2014

Drug incidents will be managed by :

The Head Teacher
The Deputy Head Teacher
PSHE Co-ordinator
Class Teachers
School Nurse
EWO
Governors

The school will support staff and young people whose drug use has become problematic through the use of internal (School Nurse, EWO) and external (Drug agencies, social services) sources. It will support young people who although not directly involved may be affected by drug use in the community through access to information and education. It will where possible involve parents and governors in this support.

Response to Drug Incidents

In the case of a medical emergency staff will follow the first aid procedure.

Mrs Boustead or Miss Heatherington will be notified as a first response to any identified incident, the Head Teacher will also be informed. A decision will be taken at this point whether other agencies need to be involved (police, social services) and how these other agencies should be involved. In most cases the parent/carer will be informed of the situation, this will be done by a telephone call inviting them to the school.

In the case of injecting equipment found on school premises county guidance will be followed.

Any media enquiries will be dealt with by the Head Teacher.

Medium Term

Involved staff and people involved in managing drug incidents will meet to consider further action, and agree any sanctions that may apply, sanctions will range according to the severity of the incident. If a decision is taken to involve outside agencies, links will be maintained to ensure young people are supported in the school environment. Incidents will be recorded according to the LEA system and an internal monitoring system will be maintained by the Head Teacher. Staff will decide on any school follow up to re-enforce messages or to avoid speculation by pupils.

Long Term

Any decisions taken in the medium and long term will be discussed by staff and other agencies involved to monitor effectiveness.

This policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

Teachers will be made aware of this policy through the staff handbook. This policy will be available in the school non curricular guidance document found in the office.

