

# Bromley Heath Infant School Drugs Policy

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## **Bromley Heath Infant School**

### **Drugs Policy**

Tina Long and F.Park are the members of staff responsible for dealing with drugs and any related incidents.

#### **Rationale**

Drugs are a reality in children's lives and schools share responsibility with parents and the community to educate pupils about the risks and consequences of drug use and misuse and encourage them to make healthy informed choices. We believe that the misuse of drugs by members of the school community cannot be condoned and will be dealt with consistently and clearly with regard to the needs of the school and the individuals concerned. This school is committed to the health and safety of everyone here and we will work together with parents and the local community to enable pupils to make healthy, informed choices and discourage the misuse of drugs.

#### **Aims**

- To develop a whole school approach to drug education in the context of our Science and PSHE teaching.
- To make children aware that drugs have a place in the treatment of illnesses and other medical conditions, and that they are only to be administered under the direction of a responsible adult.
- To make children aware that prescribed drugs are for specific individuals and should never be given to anyone other than the individual named on the prescription.
- To develop pupil's skills in making decisions about drugs
- To have a clear and agreed understanding amongst everyone in the school community about the implications and possible consequences of drug use and misuse.
- To have a clear understanding of the appropriate procedures in the management of drug related incidents.

#### **Guidelines**

- Drug education will be taught by all staff through elements of the compulsory Science curriculum and the PSHE/Citizenship curriculum, during both lessons and 'circle times'. It will be addressed in an approach that is appropriate to the pupil's ages, experience and maturity.
- All staff will be provided with adequate training and support to help them to deliver effective drug education and respond to situations with consistency and sensitivity, taking account of religious, social and cultural issues.
- All staff, parents and governors will be well informed about the guidelines concerning the administration of medicines to children whilst in school.
- All parents will be made aware of the procedure for the management of drug related incidents by staff and governors.

#### **No Smoking Statement**

Bromley Heath Infant School is a no smoking environment. Staff and visitors are required not to smoke in the school building. The no smoking directive extends to anyone accompanying children on extra curricular activities.

#### **Procedures**

- Medicines – see school policy on administration of medicines
- Tobacco – see No Smoking policy
- Alcohol – No alcohol will be consumed during the course of a normal school day

- Solvents – the school will ensure that potentially harmful substances are stored safely
- Illegal substances – No illegal or illicit substances should be brought to school or used on school premises.
- Sanctions of appropriate severity will be applied to the intentional misuse of any of the substances described above by any member of the school community on the school premises or whilst on school visits.

### **Procedure for drug related incidents**

If a member of staff suspects or witnesses a drugs related incident, the following procedure should be followed :-

1. Member of staff to relay suspicions or report incident to Headteacher
2. Headteacher clarifies situation with child/children involved
3. Incident recorded in Drug Incident Book
4. Parents informed by Headteacher
5. Where relevant Police informed by Headteacher
6. If required counselling or other appropriate treatment will be sought

### **Conclusion**

Drugs education is seen as intrinsically important to the wider curriculum of our school community and is encompassed in 'Every Child Matters'. We will work together with everyone involved with the school to ensure the continued education and well being of all our children.

All governors, staff and parents will be made aware of the contents of this policy at relevant meetings. It will also be posted on the school's website.

This policy should be read alongside the school's policies for:

This policy was drawn up by F. Park after consultation with staff and governors and will be reviewed in September 2013.

F.Park