



## **ALL SAINTS C.E.(VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY, RANTON**

### **DRUGS POLICY 2018**

The school's drug policy is based on Staffordshire Education Authority's Drug Education and the Management of Drug Related Incidents Document where applicable to our particular school circumstances.

#### **AIM OF THIS POLICY**

This policy describes the school's approach to drug education and to dealing with drug related incidents. For the purpose of this policy the word 'drug' includes both legal and illegal substances, volatile substances (solvents), alcohol and tobacco and prescribed medicines. The school is aware that the misuse of drugs may have a serious impact on the health and wellbeing of the user. The school has a part to play in reducing the risks to pupils from outside incidences. The evidence for this is the general information available from our local police support unit, school nurse, outside agencies and Department of Education guidance.

#### **DRUG EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

The drug education programme in the school is part of a wider curriculum of Personal, Social, Health Education and Citizenship. Those responsible for teaching the programme are the Headteacher and staff. Those responsible for managing and monitoring the programme are the Headteacher, staff and governors. The aims of the programme are to develop children's knowledge, understanding and safety. The programme in this school is knowledge, understanding and safety in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2.

## **TEACHING MATERIALS AND APPROACHES**

An ongoing teaching programme on the safety aspects of medicines etc. is discussed whenever the appropriate opportunity arises. Safety is a strong aspect in the teaching of drug awareness. All adults working in the classroom are accompanied by a member of staff at all times. The people who assist with drug education are: Staff, school medical service, the police and other outside agencies.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF STAFF**

Members of staff and a school governor received advice before writing this policy. One member of the governing body has attended a training session in drug awareness.

## **MANAGING DRUG INCIDENTS**

The member of staff responsible for co-ordinating the school's response to drug incidents is the Headteacher. The primary concern of the school is the care and welfare of the children. The school will seek to balance the safety and security of the school with the individual needs of pupils.

Any incident involving the misuse of drugs will take into account:

- a) The age and maturity of the person concerned.
- b) The means by which the substance is acquired.
- c) The intention of the person and the circumstances of the incident.
- d) Method and frequency of use.
- e) The nature and legal status of the substance involved.
- f) Any previous incidents of drug misuse by the person involved.
- g) Action being taken through the criminal justice system.
- h) The availability of support for the pupils and family from other agencies.

Where appropriate the school will treat a drug incident according to the Child Protection Policy of the school. The school considers that the education it provides offers, for most youngsters, the best chance for resisting the long term harm which may be the result of drug misuse. The appropriate authority will be notified if the school becomes aware of any misuse of drugs by anyone connected with a pupil. Where illegal drugs are found on the school premises or in possession of a pupil, the school will take charge of the substance and notify the appropriate authority.

## Local Contacts:

- a) The police contact is our local police station at Stone
- b) Where it is appropriate to seek advice from a drug agency or young people's drug service
  - Report the incident to the advisor for drug education (in order to inform strategic planning by the LEA and Staffordshire Drug Action Team) on Tel.01785 356421.
  - The school will respond to the situation according to the circumstances of those involved and call on the appropriate authorities.