

BENWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Substance and misuse Policy

School Name: Benwick Primary School

Date Agreed at FGB: 18.3.21

Next Review: March 2023

Signed: Role:

Benwick School does not condone either the misuse of drugs, including smoking, and alcohol by members of the school (including staff, pupils and visitors) or the illegal supply of these substances.

The school is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take action to safeguard their well-being.

In response to our shared concerns at a local and national level, we wish to state that as part of its care for the welfare of its pupils, the school believes it has a duty to inform and educate children on the consequences of drug use and misuse. The 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.

Fundamental to our school's values and practice is the principle of sharing the responsibility for education of young people with parents, by keeping them informed and involved at all times. Effective communication and co-operation is essential to the successful implementation of this policy.

We believe and support the following educational aims in respect of substance use and misuse:

- To enable pupils to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising skills.
- To provide accurate information about substances if appropriate (children / parents).
- To increase understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse.
- To enable children to identify sources of appropriate personal support.

These aims are delivered in the taught curriculum mainly through PSHE, Science and English areas, but other opportunities to reinforce learning may occur in other parts of the teaching programme. The school actively co-operates with other agencies including Life Education Bus.

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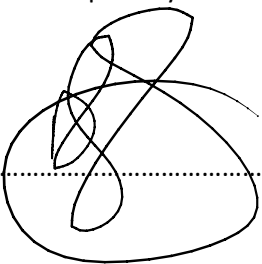
The Headteacher takes overall responsibility for the policy and its implementation, for liaison with the Governing Body, Parents, Children and Young Peoples Service and appropriate outside agencies. The Headteacher will ensure that staff dealing with substance issues are adequately supported and trained.

In instances involving substance misuse or supply on the premises, parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity by the Headteacher and any relevant agencies and if appropriate

the police will be notified. The school and parents can then work together to support the young person involved.
All incidents will be recorded.

The school will consider each substance incident individually and recognises that a variety of responses will be necessary to deal with incidents.

Agreed and adopted by the Full Governing Body on 6th February 2019

Signed.......... Chair of Governors