

# SOUTH VIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## DRUGS AWARENESS POLICY

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# **DRUGS AWARENESS POLICY FOR SOUTH VIEW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CROWLAND**

## Aim of Drugs Education Policy

At **Key Stage 1** is to ensure that the majority of pupils understand the value of drugs as medicines, but also the dangers associated with unknown substances, and are aware of the safety issues surrounding the proper use of medicines, and who can administer them.

At **Key Stage 2** is to extend pupils' knowledge of drugs and their effects, but with particular focus on alcohol and tobacco, with which this particular age group are likely to come into contact most of all, and to facilitate reflection upon strategies to cope with situations where drugs might be offered to them.

At **upper Key Stage 2** is to broaden pupils' awareness of illegal substances and their short and longer term effects upon the body and mind; to bring pupils' attitude to drugs into the open, and to encourage the development of appropriate resistance skills through justification of opinion and increased sophistication of expression.

The drugs policy will reflect the general ethos of the school and the following values in particular

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for self
- Responsibility for family, friends, school and the wider community.

The drugs education programme will:

Provide information which is easy to understand, relevant and appropriate having regard to the stage and maturity of the pupil. The pupils will be assessed using PHSE skills.

### **Include the development of communication and social skills**

Encourage the exploration and clarification of values and address concerns and correct misunderstanding, which pupils may have gained through the media and their peers

### **Delivery of drugs education programme**

This will be via the Religious Education, PHSE and Science curriculum and Drugs Awareness lessons.

### **Dealing with drug related incidents**

It is to be hoped that no situation will arise where a pupil appears to be involved as a supplier or taker of illegal drugs or substances. However, if such a situation does arise, the matter will be referred to the Headteacher. The Headteacher will, in consultation with the pupils' parents, consider what procedures, including disciplinary procedures, need to be invoked.

Consideration will be taken of the impact of the incident on the school, the educational and social development of the pupil, and if considering exclusion, the impact on that pupil and others. The Headteacher will consult with the Chair of the Governors, Pupil Discipline Committee or the full Governing Body, whenever and wherever thought appropriate, and having regard to the severity of the incident in question. The Headteacher will also consider the necessity of involving outside agencies, such as the police.

Where it is felt that the school has been targeted to peddle illegal substances, the Headteacher will liaise with and take advice from the Police and other agencies concerned to combat such behaviour, and will ensure that all staff, parents and governors are as fully informed as is advised by the Police.

### **Liaising with parents**

In addition to such action as is recommended above, the school will seek to alert parents to the behaviour and knowledge of young people around drugs and encourage parents to have a sense of what may be an appropriate response to a drug related incident, and a sense of their preventative role as drug educators. To these ends the school will liaise with the Education authority, the Police and other agencies and with their assistance will seek to set up parents' awareness evenings.

### **Documentation used as guidance in the development of this policy includes:**

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco education QCA

DCSF PSHE website

Professional Association for Teaching Science Information service ASE, Be Safe  
Lincolnshire Advisory Service, Drugs Education in Primary Schools Initiative.

Guidance to schools on the structure and content of a Drugs Education Policy

CfBT working in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council