

# St James' RC Primary School

## Drug Education Policy

### Introduction

This policy was developed by the HT and staff of St. James' RC Primary School and was reviewed May 2017. The next review date is March 2020.

### Aims

- To develop knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes in relation to the use of drugs in order to enable pupils to make positive choices.
- To provide a safe and supportive environment which shows concern for the health and welfare of the school community.

### Drug Education in the curriculum

- At Key stage 1 children are taught about the role of drugs as medicines.
- At Key stage 2 children are taught that tobacco, alcohol and other drugs can have harmful effects.
- Drug Education is taught as part of the PSHE and Science Programmes of Study.

### Delivery of Drug Education

Delivery of the programme is primarily be by the class teacher. However use will be made of outside agencies such as the school nurse when discussing the impact of addiction.

### Use of Drugs on School Premises

#### Medicines

We promote a responsible attitude to the taking of prescribed medicine and follow Borough Guidelines on 'The Administration of Medicines to Pupils in Schools'. There is a separate 'Medicines Policy'.

#### Smoking and Alcohol

St. James' is a no-smoking school.

If children are found on school premises in possession of tobacco or alcohol in any form, the matter will be referred to the Head Teacher for investigation and parents will be informed straight away.

### Illegal substances

No illegal substances are permitted on school premises. If such substances are found on the premises the Head Teacher will be informed and will take possession. The circumstances will be investigated and parents and the Police will be informed.

### Solvents

If evidence of a child misusing solvents is found the Head Teacher will be informed, will investigate the incident and will inform parents.

In accordance with our Health and Safety Policy the storage and use of all volatile substances is carefully controlled.

### Related Policies

- Medicines Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions