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Policy Title	Drug related Incident Policy 15
School/WBC (Adopted date)	School
This policy complies with Warrington LA guidance	Yes
Linked Polices:	Prescribed Medicines Policy and Asthma Policy
Written By	School
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Mission Statement

“To enjoy, to believe, to be amazed ”

Rationale

The school recognises its obligation under Section 17 of the Education Act 2002 to promote and safeguard the welfare of pupils and sees its Drug Related Incident Policy as fulfilling part of this duty. This policy focuses specifically on the procedures to be followed in the event of an incidence of substance use/misuse on the school premises. This policy is an integral part of the policy on Drugs Education.

Purposes

Our definition of drugs includes medicines, alcohol and tobacco, volatile substances and illegal substances, and it is important that all aspects of an incident are considered. The needs of the child are paramount.

- our school encourages pupils to adopt a healthy lifestyle and make informed choices to support that lifestyle
- we help our children to recognise that things which we put on/in our body can have a positive/negative effect on our health
- as a school we have a duty to inform and educate young people about the consequences of drug use
- the procedures adopted by the school will be the subject of consultation with staff, governors, parents, young people and health professionals

Broad Guidelines

1. The flowchart (see appendix) for tackling substance use/misuse in Warrington schools will be explained to all staff and be made readily available to staff, governors, parents, carers and other relevant parties.
2. Copies of the guidance will be placed in policy files and the flowchart relating to substance use/misuse guidance will be displayed in the school office, staffroom and caretaker's officer's room.

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3. The school adopts a progressive approach to delivering effective drug education, which promotes healthy lifestyles. We would assess the substance-related incident by considering personal safety and the safety of others, prior to taking action.
4. Substances include both legal and illegal drugs, including alcohol and tobacco. We follow procedures outlined in the document 'Guidelines for Warrington Schools on Tackling Substance Use/ Misuse incidents'.
5. Even though there is no legal obligation to inform the Police and Social Care, we may take the decision to seek support and advice in certain circumstances.
6. In the event of a drug's related incident the Principal will inform the Governing body in the usual way, and record the event in the appropriate manner.
If the situation leads to a medical emergency the schools emergency aid procedures will be followed immediately.

Use of Prescribed Medicines.

See **Use of Prescribed Medicines Policy** and **Asthma Policy**

Informing Parents

In instances involving substance misuse or supply on the premises, and following discussions between staff members who know the child well, parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity by the Principal. The school and the parents can then work together to support the child involved. In some cases it may be necessary to involve other agencies i.e. Social Care.

Confidentiality

Young people have rights under the children Act 1989, they can expect issues relating to drugs to be handled with sensitivity and to be kept involved and informed of the process. However teachers cannot give guarantees of confidentiality in circumstances of child protection.

If a disclosure occurs during the delivery of a health based education lesson, or a drug-related incident transpires, and concerns are raised, teachers will follow the school procedure for child protection issues.

See **Child Protection Policy**

Syringe Safety

Please refer to the Health and Safety guidance for the safe removal of sharp's objects.

Please note that when syringes or other drug related equipment, are found on the premises the Site Manager should be notified immediately so that safe disposal can be arranged

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