

Drug Education and Incidents Policy – Castleford Park Junior Academy

Castleford Park Junior Academy takes its responsibility to provide relevant, effective and responsible drug education to its pupils as part of the school's personal, social, health education (PSHE) curriculum very seriously. The school wants parents/carers and pupils to feel assured that drug education will be delivered at a level appropriate to both the age and development of pupils and in a safe, atmosphere where pupils feel able to voice their opinions.

Policy Context

Our school is situated in an area where it is amongst the 40% most deprived neighbourhoods in the country when considering each areas IDACI score and is considered amongst the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods when considering health deprivation and disability and living environment deprivation. Drug use is well known in several communities around the school catchment area – some of which are in the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods of the country when considering IDACI score. Almost all pupils are white-British and our school serves Junior School children from 7-11 in age.

Aims

We recognise that drug use is a fact of life and an issue that all young people may face growing up. Our school is committed to securing the Healthy Schools Award and as such, understand the importance of ensuring our pupils have the necessary knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed and healthy choices regarding their drug use – both now and in the future. Our young people are encouraged to talk to a trusted member of staff about any issue that may worry them, or put them in danger and they would then be signposted to relevant websites through acquisition of support from Wakefield Social Services and the Early Help Hub.

Drug education contributes to:

- A positive ethos and environment for learning
- Safeguarding pupils, promoting their emotional wellbeing and improving their ability to achieve in school
- Helping pupils keep themselves safe from harm, building confidence to resist peer pressure and in being able to access needed services
- Reducing early onset drug use, misuse, or addiction to drugs

How will we do this?

Our curriculum will include opportunities that allow pupils to understand:

- The short and long term effects and risks associated with drug use
- The rules and laws relating to drugs
- The impact of drugs on individuals, families and communities
- Their own and other people's attitudes towards drug taking, drug use and drug users, including stereotypes presented in the media
- Peer pressure that could result in drug use if not managed properly
- How to make informed decisions and keep themselves safe and healthy – including managing, assessing and avoiding risk
- The most appropriate language to use when discussing drug use and the formal vocabulary terms for each drug

In the classroom:

- Staff will set the tone by speaking in a matter of fact way
- Pupils will be encouraged to write questions down – anonymously if desired – so that they can be discussed openly
- This will also allow staff to prepare the most appropriate responses where needed
- If a verbal question is too personal, pupils will be reminded of the ground rules for classroom discussion

- If a question is inappropriate, or feels too old for a particular pupil, staff will acknowledge it and deal with the question on an individual basis later
- Staff will not provide information that is inappropriate for the age of the pupil
- If staff are concerned that a pupil is at risk, a Designated Safeguarding Lead will be informed and normal procedures will be followed

Responsibilities of Lead Members of Staff

The Headteacher has overall responsibility for the drugs education policy and its implementation in school. This includes liaison with the Governing Body, parents/carers and other appropriate outside agencies. This will be shared with the PSHCE coordinator who will manage the following responsibilities:

- Coordinating provision, training and support for staff
- Establishing and maintaining links with external agencies
- Policy development, review and consultation to relevant stakeholders
- Implementation of the policy and monitoring and assessing its impact and effectiveness in practice
- Liaising with the Designated Safeguarding Lead where drug incidents become apparent
- Ensures Governors are well-informed of any drugs related incidents, or specific education given to pupils regarding drug use

The Senior School team are committed to working with parents to ensure the following:

- Parents are always informed quickly of incidents involving illegal and unauthorised drugs
- Parent involvement is encouraged through our ethos, home school agreement, newsletters, support groups and services
- Parents are kept informed and updated about the areas of learning related to drug education
- School can support parents in helping them to talk with their children regarding drug and alcohol use and can offer services to help with this
- Parents know that they cannot withdraw their children from National Curriculum statutory content but can discuss any areas of content that they are concerned about with the class teacher, or Senior team

Monitoring and Evaluation of our provision

We are committed to the ongoing development of Drugs Education provision in our school. We use the following indicators to monitor and evaluate our progress:

- A coordinated and consistent approach to curriculum delivery has been adopted, using a specific scheme of work for PSHCE teaching and a regular provider of drugs education talks for our oldest children
- The content of the curriculum is flexible and responsive to pupils' differing needs – gleaned from social services referrals and the Wakefield Health Survey undertaken each year
- Children receive an entitlement in line with National and Local Guidance
- There are clearly identified learning objectives and outcomes for all activities undertaken
- Policy, practice and the impact of training is evaluated and revised when needed
- Opportunities are provided for parents and Governors to consider the PSHCE curriculum we offer and to consider the relevance of purpose and nature through consultation regarding policy and procedure and parent information sessions

Management of drugs at school and on school trips

- If drugs are found on the school site that are unauthorised the procedure on page 3 should be followed – seizing temporary possession
- Controlled drugs are stored in the school safe and are administered in accordance with medical guidance (see our policy relating to supporting pupils with medical needs whilst at school)
- Any drugs needed whilst on a school trip are kept safe with an appropriate adult and controlled drugs are kept in a lockable container – only accessed by the teacher leading the trip

Management of Drug-Related Incidents

If a pupil is suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on school premises, the school will prioritise the safety of the young person and those around them. It may be dealt with as a medical emergency and relevant First Aid would be given. Parents would always be contacted and possibly the Police, or Social Services depending on the circumstances.

There is a possibility that a pupil would be searched if it was believed that they had any drugs in their possession and a record would be made explaining: The reason for the search, the time and place, who was present, the outcomes and any follow up action needed.

Any drugs or substances found that a teacher believes could be harmful or detrimental to good order and discipline can be confiscated. This would also include 'legal highs'. Parents would be informed where this had taken place but not always before the search and confiscation has taken place.

Our 'Supporting Pupils With Medical Needs' policy outlines which substances are authorised on school premises and in what circumstances, what the procedure is for ensuring that drugs are safely managed and looked after whilst on the premises.

Staff conduct: Staff responsibilities are outlined in our Code of Conduct, our Safeguarding Policy and within the Teacher Standards.

If a teacher is required to take temporary possession of suspected controlled drugs the following procedure will be followed:

- Ensure that a second adult witness is present throughout
- Seal the sample in a plastic bag and include details of the time and date of the seizure/find and witness present
- Store in a secure location (such as a safe or lockable container) with access for Senior Staff only
- Notify the police without delay – who will collect it and dispose of it safely in line with local protocols.
- The law does not require schools to divulge the name of the pupil involved but school would do so – as well as informing social services
- Record full details of the incident, including the police incident reference number
- Inform parents/carers – unless not in the best interests of the pupil
- Identify any safeguarding concerns and develop a support and disciplinary response in conjunction with parents wherever possible. Exclusion is not an automatic response.

Smoke-Free Environments

Smoking has been prohibited by law in virtually all enclosed and substantially enclosed work and public places since July 2007. In February 2015 it also became illegal to smoke in a private vehicle carrying children.

- The school is a smoke-free site – including the use of E-Cigarettes
- The school provides information and support for smokers to quit

Definition and terminology

A definition of a drug is:

“A substance people take to change the way they feel, think or behave.” Taken from Drug education in schools: A report from the Office of HMCI 2005

“any substance which when taken changes the way the body works or how a person behaves, thinks or feels” (Drugscope)

The term 'drug use' is drug taking – for example consuming alcohol, taking medication, or using illegal drugs.

The term 'drugs' refers to:

- All illegal drugs (those controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)

- All legal drugs (including alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances that give off a gas or vapour which can be inhaled)
- All 'over the counter' and prescription medicines
- All new psychoactive substances and illegal highs (now classified as legal highs)

Policy established: September 2017

Reviewed: September 2019 (or when new statutory guidance becomes relevant)

Appendices 2 and 3:

2) Drugs, alcohol and tobacco flow chart – what to do if...

3) Recording template for incidents involving drugs, alcohol or tobacco

Appendix: Useful Organisations

Addaction is one of the UK's largest specialist drug and alcohol treatment charities. As well as adult services, they provide services specifically tailored to the needs of young people and their parents. The Skills for Life project supports young people with drug misusing parents.

Website: www.addaction.org.uk

ADFAM offers information to families of drug and alcohol users, and the website has a database of local family support services.

Tel: 020 7553 7640 Email: admin@adfam.org.uk

Website: www.adfam.org.uk

Alcohol Concern works to reduce the incidence and costs of alcohol-related harm and to increase the range and quality of services available to people with alcohol-related problems

Tel: 020 7264 0510. Email: contact@alcoholconcern.org.uk

Website: www.alcoholconcern.org.uk

ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) A campaigning public health charity aiming to reduce the health problems caused by tobacco.

Tel: 020 7739 5902 Email: enquiries@ash.org.uk

Website: www.ash.org.uk

Children's Legal Centre operates a free and confidential legal advice and information service covering all aspects of law and policy affecting children and young people. Tel:01206877910 Email:clc@essex.ac.uk

Website: www.childrenslegalcentre.com

Children's Rights Alliance for England - A charity working to improve the lives and status of all children in England through the fullest implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Email: info@crae.org.uk Website: www.crae.org.uk

Drinkaware - An independent charity that promotes responsible drinking through innovative ways to challenge the national drinking culture, helping reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol related harm.

Tel: 020 7307 7450 Website: www.drinkaware.co.uk/

Drinkline - A free and confidential helpline for anyone who is concerned about their own or someone else's drinking.

Tel: 0800 917 8282 (lines are open 24 hours a day)

Drug Education Forum – this website contains a number of useful papers and briefing sheets for use by practitioners:

Website: www.drugeducationforum.com/

DrugScope is a centre of expertise on illegal drugs, aiming to inform policy development and reduce drug-related risk. The website includes detailed drug information and access to the Information and Library Service. DrugScope also hosts the Drug Education Practitioners Forum.

Tel: 020 7520 7550 Email: info@drugscope.org.uk Website: www.drugscope.org.uk

FRANK is the national drugs awareness campaign aiming to raise awareness amongst young people of the risks of illegal drugs, and to provide information and advice. It also provides support to parents/carers, helping to give them the skills and confidence to communicate with their children about drugs.

24 Hour Helpline: 0800 776600 Email: frank@talktofrank.com Website: www.talktofrank.com

Mentor UK is a non-government organisation with a focus on protecting the health and wellbeing of children and young people to reduce the damage that drugs can do to their lives.

Tel: 020 7739 8494. Email admin@mentoruk.org

Website: www.mentoruk.org.uk

National Children's Bureau promotes the interests and well-being of all children and young people across every aspect of their lives.

Tel:02078436000 Website:www.ncb.org.uk

Family Lives - A charity offering support and information to anyone parenting a child or teenager. It runs a free-phone helpline and courses for parents, and develops innovative projects.

Tel:08008002222 Website:<http://familylives.org.uk/>

Re-Solv (Society for the Prevention of Solvent and Volatile Substance Abuse)

A national charity providing information for teachers, other professionals, parents and young people.

Tel:01785817885 Informationline:01785810762

Email: information@re-solv.org Website: www.re-solv.org

Smokefree - NHS Smoking Helpline: 0800 169 0 169 Website:

<http://smokefree.nhs.uk>

Stars National Initiative offers support for anyone working with children, young people and families affected by parental drug and alcohol misuse.

Website: www.starsnationalinitiative.org.uk

Youth Offending Teams – Local Youth Offending Teams are multi-agency teams and are the responsibility of the local authority, who have a statutory duty to [prevent offending by young people under the age of 18.

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/youth-offending-team>