


# GILLINGSTOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Drugs & Substance Misuse Policy

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## GILLINGSTOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Drugs and Substance Misuse policy statement

#### **Rationale**

Gillingstool Primary School has a duty to inform and educate its pupils on the consequence of drug and other substance use and misuse. Gillingstool School is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take all necessary action to safeguard their well-being.

#### **Purposes**

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

- To enable our pupils to make healthy informed choices by increasing their knowledge, challenging attitudes and developing and practising their skills.
- To provide them with accurate information (appropriate to their needs)
- To increase their understanding about the implications and possible consequences of use and misuse.
- To encourage their understanding for those experiencing substance misuse.
- To widen their understanding of related health and safety issues as appropriate
- To enable our pupils to identify sources of appropriate personal support.
- To prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

#### **Guidelines**

- Gillingstool School must take a pro-active role believing that health education is a vital part of the Personal Social and Health Education for every pupil.
- Curriculum input will be mainly through PSHE, Jigsaw, Science and English - but all opportunities to reinforce learning will be taken.
- Drug Education forms part of our curriculum and broadly includes:
  - At Key Stage 1 (5-7 year olds) about the role of drugs as medicines and their dangers
  - At Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds) that tobacco, alcohol and other drugs have harmful effects.
- Effective communication and co-operation between school and parents/carers is essential. We believe in sharing the responsibility for the education of our pupils by keeping their parents/carers informed and involved.
- The school will actively co-operate with other agencies such as Community Police, Social Services, LEA and Health and Drug Agencies to deliver its commitment to Drug Education and deal with incidents of misuse.
- Adults working in school or supporting the school will be informed of the values stated in this policy.
- Our teaching will be responsive to changing trends in drug misuse and offer a credible and consistent message.
- In instances of substance misuse or supply on the premises, the Headteacher will inform parents/carers at the earliest opportunity. The school and parents can work together to support the pupil involved. Behaviour sanctions will be applied via the Behaviour Policy.

#### **Conclusion**

Drugs and substance misuse education can do much to lessen health risks and allow the children to make good informed choices about their lives.