



Churchfields
The Village School

Atworth ∞ Monkton Farleigh

Drugs Policy

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Review Date:	Summer 2023

POLICY

Ethos of the school

Churchfields, the Village School aims to keep its pupils safe from drug misuse within the school environment.

Rationale

The rationale for our school's drug policy is to protect all staff and pupils, to determine how the staff respond and deal with drug incidents, to give a clear indication as to the school's view about drugs, and to follow national guidance.

PROCEDURE

Aims

- Maintain the safety and welfare of all pupils and staff.
- Clarify legal responsibilities, entitlement and obligations.
- Support all the members of the school community by providing clear guidance and procedures on drug related issues to ensure clarity and consistency.
- Ensure that the drug policy complements our school's drug education scheme of work.

The policy will be reviewed according to the review cycle. Comments and observations from governors, parents and pupils will be taken into careful consideration. Other considerations that will be taken into account are:

- Changes in the local/national situation
- Drug prevalence as in drug research-local and national
- Health promotion and other support groups

Drug Education Content

Churchfields, the Village School will provide all pupils with drug education as an integral part of the school's planned personal, social, and health education (PSHE) curriculum. The delivery of drug education through PSHE is also covered by the statutory part of the science curriculum. It also has cross-curricular links with drama, English, history and music, in addition to assemblies, circle time and school visits.

Our school aims to bring about an understanding of all the drugs with which our pupils may come into contact through a combined knowledge and skills based approach. Opportunities are offered through drug education to explore people's attitudes and values through class/group discussions.

A range of teaching styles is encouraged especially interactive approaches to equip the pupils to use their knowledge, skills, and exploration of attitudes and values to make informed decisions about their health.

Liaison with other schools

We endeavour in our school to seek the support of schools in this area, particularly, in event of drug incidents.

Drugs on school premises

Medicines are not to be kept on the school premises for pupils except for the following:

- Any such medicine must be prescribed by a doctor.

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- Should any pupil need regular medicine (for serious health problems e.g. asthma or diabetes) then medicines will be kept under lock and key for that child.
- Pupils who require antibiotics should either be kept at home or parents must give them the correct dose.
- Beyond epi-pen injections for which training must be undertaken, injections should not be given to children by members of staff.
- In the case of severe allergies/anaphylactic shock the school nurse should be contacted and appropriate training arranged – any training needs to be regularly discussed and monitored.
- The administering of medicines on residential visits and on day visits needs to be explicitly stated and consented by the child's parents.

Alcohol

Alcohol is not to be consumed on the school premises except as part of P.T.A. events. Parents/visitors under the effects of alcohol should be asked to leave the premises and return at a later date for the safety of the whole school.

Smoking

Churchfields, the Village School is a no smoking building and site at all times.

Illegal Drugs

Illegal drugs are forbidden on the school premises.

Solvents

Only solvent-free products are to be used in the school.

The cleaners' store of cleaning fluids is to be kept locked.

Drug Incidents

We agree to a clear pathway in response to potential drug incidents on the school premises.

The drug incidents can be either:

- a) Rumours of parents or pupils using drugs.
- b) Reports of parents or pupils using drugs.
- c) Use of drugs by pupils on school premises and residential/day visits
- d) Pupils bringing drugs into school.
- e) Drug dealing on school premises and in school vicinity.
- f) Finding drugs/paraphernalia on school premises.
- g) Pupils disclosing about their drug use.
- h) Medicines on school premises.

Drug incidents will be dealt with by the headteacher under advice from relevant agencies.

- All drugs incidents and responses must be recorded within 24 hours.
- The school will always make contact with the parents if there is any concern about a child and drugs.
- The school's response to a child who is involved with drugs is to be balanced with the needs of that child and the health and safety of other pupils.
- External agencies may be called upon to give support e.g. police drug liaison officer/social services.

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Pupil Support

We maintain that at Churchfields, the Village School the welfare of the pupils is paramount. We therefore believe that constructive strategies that help pupils reinvest in their own education are preferable to exclusion.

Phone numbers of drug help line services to be made available to pupils.