

Learning for Ourselves, Respect, We Can



Drugs Policy Statement

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This drugs policy will be disseminated to all staff and central copies will be kept in the office and first aid room. Parts of the policy may be replicated in other school publications. The document should be used in conjunction with the behaviour, health and safety, medicine and child protection policies.

This policy applies to all staff, pupils, parents/carers, governors and partner agencies working within the school.

Aims:

Specific aims outlined in the national guidance are:

- To increase student's knowledge about alcohol, tobacco and other drugs

And to enable them to:

- Improve their self esteem and self confidence
- Make informed decisions and choices
- Develop personal initiative and be able to take responsibility
- Recognise personal skills and qualities in themselves and others
- Maintain and develop relationships
- Develop assertiveness in appropriate situations

At Lyndhurst our drug education aims supports this purpose and is set up to fulfil these aims.

Definitions

A drug is:

"A substance people take to change the way they feel, think or behave"

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

The term 'drug' refers to:

- All illegal drugs (those controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)
- All legal drugs, including alcohol, tobacco, volatile substances, ketamine, khat and alkyl nitrates
- All over-the-counter and prescription drugs

Lyndhurst School forbids the possession/use of illegal drugs and substances, or use of such drugs in the school premises or grounds or during off site, school related activities. Our school will take appropriate action if any pupil of this school or any person on these premises uses such drugs.

Dealing with a drugs related incident in school:

Any drugs related incident should immediately be reported to:

The Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or SENCo.

Samples of suspected illegal substances will be handed to the Head Teacher who will store them in a locked container with a signed witness statement including all relevant information about the source of the sample.

Confidentiality

Sensitive information will only be disclosed internally or externally with careful attention to the pupil's rights and needs. Although we have no legal obligation to report an incident involving drugs to the police, our school will contact our local liaison officer and act on their advice. The Police would also be involved in the disposal of suspected illegal drugs.

Parents

Lyndhurst Infant School will encourage parents to support their efforts on drug awareness and prevention.

Staff Training

Staff attending relevant training will disseminate the information to other staff as appropriate.

Useful address and support:

FRANK 0300 123 6600

www.talktofrank.co.uk

24 hour national drugs helpline

Equal opportunities:

We will aim to ensure that all children will have an equal opportunity to explore their potential regardless of gender, ability, cultural or religious background with reference to our school's equal opportunities policy.