

Name of Policy: Drug Misuse Policy	Version/Last Review Date: September 2021 (V4)
Documents linked to policy: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/270169/drug_advice_for_schools.pdf <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drugs: Guidance for Schools, DfES/0092/2004 • School Drug Policy Review Process - Blueprint 2004 • Information available from the following website: http://www.education.gov.uk/schools 	Previous review date: April 2016 (V2) April 2013 (V1) May 2019 (V3)
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WNA Vision: All children will achieve their full potential, with holistic support, whilst enjoying and driving their own learning, gaining self-respect, self-esteem and self-belief. Our classroom extends to rich, exciting environments within the forest, the beach, the city and the community as a whole.

Drugs Misuse Policy

This policy has been developed as part of our Healthy School initiative. We aim to develop healthy children with high self-esteem who are able to take responsibility for their own learning and actions.

The purpose of the policy:

The purpose of the school Drug Policy is to:

- Clarify the legal requirements and responsibilities of the school
- Reinforce and safeguard the health & safety of pupils and others who use the school
- Clarify the school's approach to drugs for staff, pupils, governors, parents/carers and the wider community
- Give guidance on developing, implementing and monitoring the drug education programme
- Enable staff to manage drugs on school premises, and any incidents that occur, with confidence and consistency, and in the best interests of those involved
- Ensure that the response to incidents involving drugs complements the overall approach to drug education and values and ethos of the school
- Provide a basis for evaluating the effectiveness of the school drug education programme and management of incidents involving illegal and other authorised drugs
- Reinforce the role of the school in contributing to local and national strategies
- Minibus drivers not to drink alcohol the night before driving

Definition of 'Drugs':

This policy uses the definition that 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 'Drugs' includes:

- All illegal drugs
- All legal drugs including alcohol, tobacco and volatile substances which can be inhaled
- All over-the-counter and prescription medicines

Education about Drugs:

This will take place during Science and PHSCE sessions and will be monitored and assessed in the same way as any other subject.

Staff support and training is provided through:

- Induction and support from other staff members.
- Shadowing other members of staff.
- Team teaching, study time
- PPA

Management of Drugs at School:

The first concern in managing drugs or drugs incident is the health and safety of the school community and meeting the pastoral needs of the pupils.

As this is a primary school it is highly unlikely that we will have to deal with a drug-related incident, however there needs to be procedures in place just in case a drug related incident occurs.

Tobacco- There is a No-Smoking policy in school and surrounding areas.

Alcohol- Alcohol will normally not be consumed at school social events

- If alcohol is authorised at WNA, for example at parent/carer events, the arrangements for storage or use should be agreed and adhered to.
- It is an offence under the Licensing Act 1964 to sell alcohol without a licence. However, no licence would be needed by the school to offer alcohol at school events where no sale takes place.

Any alcohol found in pupil's possession should be confiscated and returned to the parents. Schools may wish to emphasise that drinks such as shandy contain alcohol and should not be bought to school or included in packed lunches. 'Energy drinks' are also inappropriate for children as these can contain high levels of caffeine.

- Minibus drivers not to drink alcohol the night before driving.

Solvents-

WNA ensures that potentially harmful substances are stored safely and pupils are supervised carefully in the event of them having to be used in the course of their work. The use of correction fluid and aerosol sprays by children is prohibited. In the cleaning store materials are well labelled and locked in a secure cupboard.

Illegal Substances- The possession, use or supply of illegal and other unauthorised drugs within school boundaries is clearly unacceptable drug related incidents. The schools primary concern will be with the health and safety of those involved and of the school community as a whole.

Drugs (legal or illegal) related incidents can generally be placed into one of three categories:

- Rumours of use or dealing on or off the premises
- Actual use or dealing on or off the premises, including a first aid response
- Disclosures of own or others use from a student or parent and requests for help and support

Any drugs related incident must be reported to the headteacher who will record the incident and investigate it further.

Confidentiality:

Drug sensitive information is only disclosed internally or externally with careful attention to pupil's and families rights and needs. An agreement to keep information confidential will always include the headteacher as well as the member of staff concerned

Involvement of parents/carers:

In most cases at WNA we would fully expect to involve parents at the earliest opportunity with regard to the unauthorised use of drugs and this will be made clear to pupils. However, there may be occasions where a request for confidentiality should be honoured in relation to:

- Child protection
- Co-operating with a police investigation
- Referring to an external agency