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Drugs and Alcohol Policy 2023-2026

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Turn your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding (Proverbs 2:2)

Broadwater is a Christian School. We will enable children to become wise, confident, successful learners with the motivation, skills and responsibility to make a positive difference in God's world. Our vision is underpinned by the values we live by.

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22

It is this fruit that, in partnership with parents, we will instil in the children of our school.

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Key roles and responsibilities

The Headteacher is responsible for any drug related issues within the school.

Definitions

Broadwater C of E Primary School defines a “drug” as a substance which, when ingested alters perception and the way the body works. This definition includes but is not limited to:

- All Illegal Substances
- Alcohol
- Tobacco
- Solvents
- Medicines
- Legal Highs

Training of staff

At Broadwater C of E Primary School we recognise that early intervention can prevent drug misuse. As such, teachers will receive training in identifying potentially at risk pupils.

Safeguarding Policy

The current school Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy clearly outlines school procedures with any concerns with drug and alcohol.

Drug Education

All pupils will receive regular guidance on drugs and alcohol as part of the RHE curriculum. Lessons will be delivered as appropriate to the age and phase of the pupils and will be differentiated according to individual learning styles. Where appropriate, visitors and outside speakers may join us to lead classes on drug and alcohol misuse.

Smoking

In accordance with Part I of the Health Act 2006, Broadwater C of E Primary School is a smoke free environment. This includes all buildings, out-buildings, playgrounds, playing fields and sheltered areas.

Parents/carers, visitors and staff must not smoke on school grounds and should avoid smoking in front of pupils and/or encouraging pupils to smoke.

Pupils are not permitted to bring smoking materials or nicotine products to school. This includes but is not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes, lighters, matches or pipes. In the interest of health and hygiene, we request that people refrain from smoking outside the school gates. All parents are provided with the Parent Code of Conduct form which outlines these expectations.

Legal drugs and prescribed medicines

We understand that some pupils may require medications that have been prescribed by a doctor. Further guidance on the administration of medicines can be found in the school medicines policy.

Pupils and visitors found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol

Visitors to the school found to be under the influence of or involved with drugs or alcohol on school premises will be escorted from the premises. The Headteacher has the authority to ban persistent offenders from the school. Pupils found to be using or under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be dealt with in accordance with the school Safeguarding Policy. Where appropriate the police or social services will be informed.

Medical emergencies

In drug related medical emergencies, one of the trained first aiders will be summoned. A teacher will remain with the casualty until the trained first aider arrives. Other pupils will be removed from the immediate area as soon as is reasonably practicable. Following assessment by the first aider, a decision will be made to ascertain whether an ambulance should be called. The pupil's parents/carers will be telephoned and advised of the incident. If the child is felt to be at risk, the Safeguarding Policy will come into effect and social services may need to be contacted. All accidents and incidents, including near misses or dangerous occurrences, will be reported as soon as possible following the school's health and safety policy.