



## Brilliance, through Bosland Best

### Drugs Education Policy

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### **Drugs Education Policy**

#### **Rationale**

At Bowsland Green School we wish to provide our pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills that enable them to make informed choices that lead to a healthy lifestyle and develop to their full potential. Our 'Be Safe' and Science curricula, part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities, teaches the pupils about the role of drugs as medicine and also the dangers posed by drug misuse. We wish to equip them with the skills that enable them to make informed decisions in relation to drugs in society, particularly the ability to resist peer pressure.

#### **Aims and Definitions**

To meet our objectives Bowsland Green School will establish an effective and efficient system of communication with pupils, parents and appropriate outside agencies to provide mutual information, advice and support.

Bowsland Green defines the term 'drugs' as any substance that affects the body functions physically, emotionally or mentally. This includes:

- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Solvents
- Over-the counter-and Prescribed Medicines
- Illegal drugs
- Any Unauthorised Substances

#### **Guidelines**

##### **1. To ensure a consistent approach to Drugs Education at school we will**

- Apply whole school Drugs Education policy consistently across the school
- Establish and maintain a high profile for drugs education
- Relate drugs education issues directly to the school's values and ethos
- Ensure our Drugs Education Policy is consistent with linked policies including Health and Safety, Management of Medical Needs and Safeguarding
- Base our Drugs Education Policy on DfE and Department of Health guidelines
- Any incidents related to drugs and/or misuse to be monitored as appropriate

##### **2. To make drugs education a priority for all those associated with the school including pupils, parents, teachers and governors we will**

- Designate our site as a non-smoking and drug free zone  
(With the exception of social lettings and Friends of Bowsland Green events, where the appropriate licensing will be applied for by the organising agency and measured quantities will be sold)
- Use our Science and 'Be Safe' curriculum to teach children about the effects and risks of drugs and give them an opportunity to explore their own and other people's attitudes towards them
- Ensure the Drugs Education Policy is available to families at all times on the website
- Ensure that any drugs related incidents and concerns are reported to the Full Governing Body through the standing agenda item of Safeguarding



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### **3. To develop a framework which defines agreed roles and responsibilities and promotes consistency in carrying out designated tasks we will**

- Maintain clear procedures for dealing with the management of medicine and drug related incidents

### **4. To provide support, advice and guidance to pupils and parents we will**

- Provide support through our safeguarding procedures if a child discloses information in relation to drugs
- Have regard to issues of confidentiality (without promising total confidentiality to pupils due to safeguarding responsibilities)
- Signpost parents to external drugs information and support organisations
- Involve parents from the earliest stage in pupil drug related incidents
- Seek to understand personal issues when communicating with parents