



# Drugs policy

Signed

Headteacher

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## **Introduction**

This school recognises that it has a duty to educate its pupils with the support of parents on the consequences of drug use and misuse. It aims to raise the self-esteem of each of the pupils, encouraging them to recognize the value of their own body and their own uniqueness in order to prepare them to make informed decisions now and in the future about their own health and safety in this increasingly drug taking society. This aim is also reflected in the Behaviour Management Policy.

## **Curriculum**

This will be covered by a cross curricular approach, linking particularly with Science, Personal Social Health & Economic education (including Circle Time, Philosophy, Class/School Council and Health and Safety Weeks) and Drama. The school will also actively cooperate with and use the support offered by outside agencies such as the Community Police, the School Nurse, the L.E.A. and any other relevant bodies and information sources. Teachers will have access to ongoing advice, support and training.

Children will explore the following questions, as outlined in PSE/Science plans:

What are drugs?  
Who uses drugs?  
What are medicines?  
Why do you take medicines?  
Who tells you to take medicines?  
What goes into/on your body?  
Why do some young people smoke?  
Who do I go to if I need help?

This policy is intended to include all intoxicants, both legal and illegal.

## **Smoking**

The school recognises the need to provide a healthy working environment for staff and pupils. The best possible example and role model will be given by adults to children on smoking related matters within and beyond the formal curriculum.

Acknowledging the concerns about passive smoking and the example adults can give pupils, the policy of the school is that smoking should not take place anywhere on the school site or during off-site educational activities. This policy extends to all who enter the site, including those who use the site under shared arrangements. It is illegal to smoke within school buildings.

## **Alcohol**

The selling of alcohol at fundraising events will be permitted providing an occasional license has been granted under the Licensing (occasional permissions) Act 1983. Alcohol should not be stored on the school premises unless it is locked away.

## **Medicine in School**

Refer to document " Medicines Policy", Mulbarton Primary School.

## **Substance Misuse**

In the event of any person who is presumed to be under the influence of any drug or behaving inappropriately entering the school site, the police will be informed. The incident will be recorded on the appropriate form. If this person is a child or a child in possession of any drug, the following action will be taken:

Attend to the immediate needs of the child following the procedures set out in Appendix A (medical emergencies).

Follow the guidance in Appendix B on responding to incidents involving drugs  
Inform Chair of Governors/Local Authority

If a child is in possession of any drug there is no legal obligation to inform the Police, although they may be able to give relevant support and advice. The school will consider each incident individually and recognizes that a variety of responses will be necessary to deal with incidents. The school will consider very carefully the implications of any action it may take.

## **Responsibility**

As the Drug Education Co-ordinator, the Headteacher will be responsible for ensuring premises are regularly checked for any evidence of drug misuse. Any drug related objects found may be disposed of (i.e. hypodermic needles put in the sharps box). Any substances found, once identified, may be destroyed as long as this is both witnessed and documented. In the event of a quantity of a substance being found, the local police will be informed and the substance placed in the school safe. All incidents will be documented on the form in Appendix C.

In the event of an incident regarding substance misuse taking place, the Headteacher will take responsibility for liaison with the media. As the issue of substance misuse is an emotive one and is likely to generate interest from the local and national media, the school will take appropriate advice and guidance from the Local Authority Press Office and Legal Department to ensure that any reporting of incidents remains in the best interests of the children involved, their families and the school.

The Governors have asked the Headteacher to monitor this policy and to involve teaching/non-teaching staff, governors and parents/carers in the process. The policy will be reviewed annually during the planning of Health and Safety Week. The Headteacher is asked to report formally to the Governing Body annually as part of its review of this policy. An evaluation of the impact of the policy on the children's learning and the curriculum materials and resources will be made after Health and Safety Week.

## Drug situations – medical emergencies

The procedures for an emergency apply when a child or young person or others are at immediate risk of harm. A person who is unconscious, having trouble breathing, seriously confused or disoriented or who has taken a harmful toxic substance, should be responded to as an emergency.

Your main responsibility is for any pupil at immediate risk, but you also need to ensure the well-being and safety of others. Put into practice your school's first aid procedures. **IF IN ANY DOUBT, CALL MEDICAL HELP**

### ALWAYS:

- assess the situation
- if a medical emergency, send for medical help and ambulance

### BEFORE ASSISTANCE ARRIVES:

#### If the person is conscious:

- ask the person what has happened and to identify any drug used
- collect any drug sample and any vomit for medical analysis
- **do not** induce vomiting
- keep the person under observation, warm and quiet

#### If the person is unconscious:

- ensure that the person can breathe and place in recovery position
- **do not** move the person if a fall is likely to have led to spinal or other serious injury which may not be obvious
- **do not** give anything by mouth
- **do not** attempt to make the person sit or stand
- **do not** leave the person unattended or in the charge of another pupil

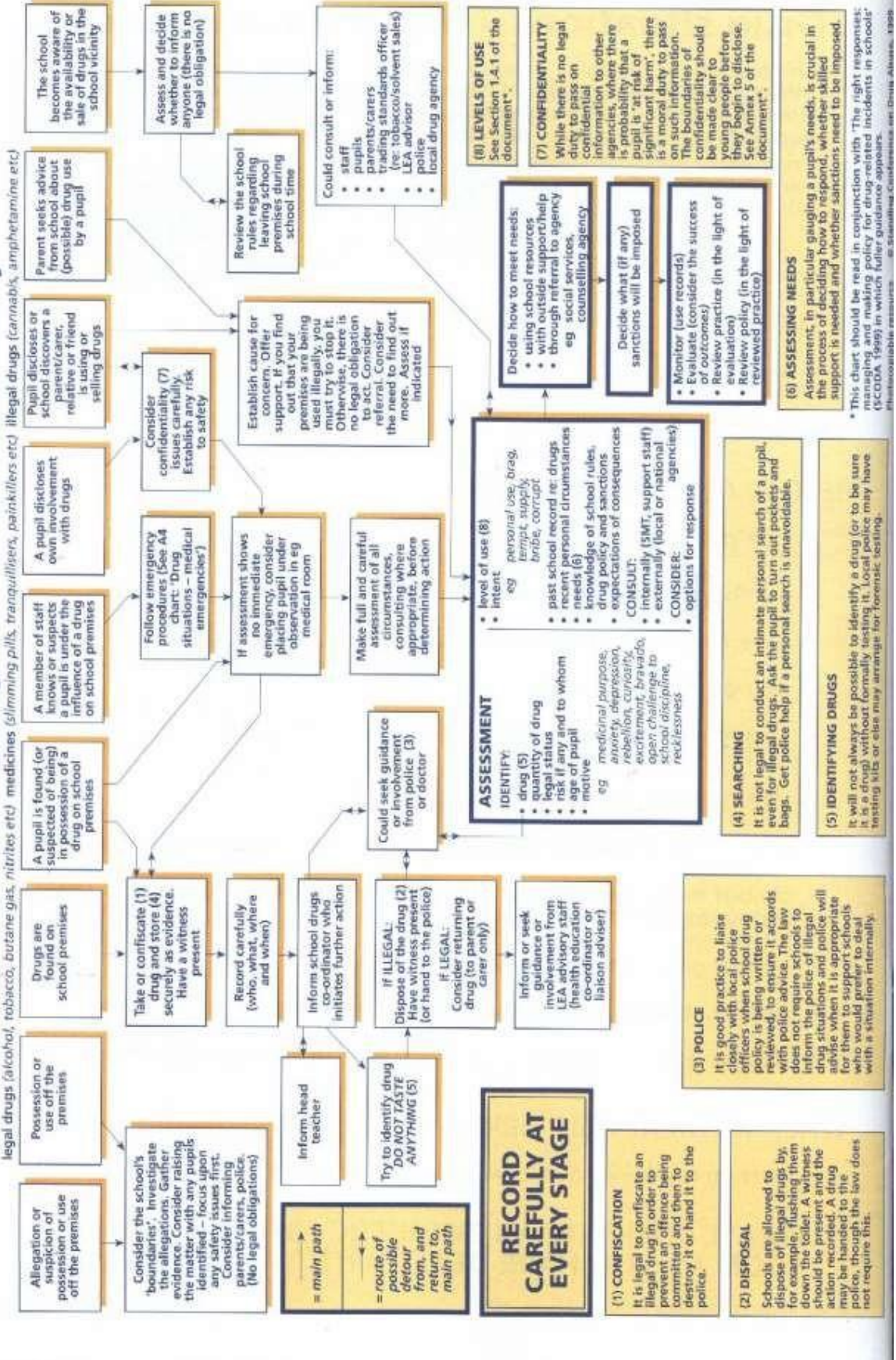
### WHEN MEDICAL HELP ARRIVES:

- pass on any information available including vomit and any drug samples

**PLEASE COMPLETE AN EMERGENCY RECORD FORM AS SOON AS YOU HAVE DEALT WITH THE EMERGENCY**



## Situations involving drugs without medical authority



Emergency / intoxication	Suspicion, OFF premises	Suspicion, ON premises	Discovery, OFF premises	Discovery, ON premises	Pupil disclosure	Parental use	Parent/carer expresses concern
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Tick one or more of these tabs to indicate the category

## Record of drug-related situation

Name of pupil:	Report form completed by:
Form/Class:	
Date of incident:	Time of incident:                      am / pm

First aid given?	First aid given by:	Ambulance / Doctor called? <i>(Delete as necessary)</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> No
No <input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		Called by:
		at time:                      am / pm

Drug involved (if known): <i>(eg alcohol, paracetamol, ecstasy)</i>	Sample found? <i>(yes/no)</i>
	Where retained
Senior staff involved: <i>(Insert name)</i>	(or) Destroyed at time:                      am / pm
	Witness name:

Parent/carer informed by:	at time:                      am / pm
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Brief description of symptoms/situation:

*(continue on blank sheet if necessary)*

Other action taken: *(eg other agency involved; Ed. Psych. report requested; C/Conf called; pupils/staff informed; sanction imposed; GP/Police consulted about drug)*

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