

Drug Education Policy

New Bewerley Community School



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What is Drug Education?

Drug, alcohol and tobacco education is taught as part of PSHE in every year group from Year 1 to 6. Drug, alcohol and tobacco education enables pupils to increase their knowledge and understanding of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and to develop skills for making healthy choices in their lives.

To achieve this, our drug education programme helps pupils to:

- Gain knowledge and understanding about the effects and risks and dangers of drugs and correct myths and misunderstandings
- Develop skills to make informed decisions, including communication, self-awareness, negotiation, finding information, help and advice, helping others and managing situations involving drugs
- Develop skills to manage situations involving drugs including assessing and avoiding risks, assertiveness and refusal skills and helping others
- Explore their own and other peoples' attitudes to drugs, drug use and drug users, including challenging stereotypes and dispelling myths and exploring media and social influences

Drugs education should:

- promote awareness that many drugs have beneficial medical uses but that substances can also be harmful if misused
- promote a positive view of a non-smoking lifestyle
- help children develop skills to enable them to cope in a drug-orientated society, based on confidence, self-esteem and assertiveness
- empower children to develop responsibility towards themselves and others and to be able to seek any support they might need by identifying appropriate local sources of support

Drug Education within the Science National Curriculum:

Key Stage 1: pupils are taught about the role of drugs as medicines.

Key Stage 2: pupils are taught about the effects on the human body of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs and how these relate to their personal health

The teaching programme ensures that there is progression from the Foundation Stage to Year 6 with topics and issues being included which are appropriate to the age and maturity of pupils. There is no provision for withdrawal of pupils from lessons however we inform parents when agencies come in to teach drug education.

Each year group focuses on the following:

Year 1. Drug Education – What do we put into our bodies?

Year 2. Drug Education - Medicines and me

Year 3. Drug Education – Tobacco is a drug

Year 4. Drug Education – Making choices

Year 5. Drug Education – Different influences

Year 6. Drug Education – Weighing up the risk