

Lancaster Lane School



Drugs Education Policy

Lancaster Lane Community Primary School is committed to safeguarding the health and well being of everyone in the school. The school recognises its vital pastoral role in promoting the welfare of the children and its responsibility, in partnership with parents, in preparing them for life beyond this school. In response to shared concerns, at local and national level, the school has a responsibility to educate children in a way which provides them with the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to keep themselves safe in a world in which the misuse of drugs is prevalent. The school has a vital and pro-active role in these matters.

These issues are addressed in the context of health and safety education through appropriate activities in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) in each year group. This curriculum area, along with others, also aims to develop self-esteem, self-confidence and the social skills necessary to promote children's sense of self-respect, self-determination and control over situations in which they may find themselves.

The school seeks to:

- inform children, in appropriate ways, about the dangers of drug misuse;
- provide accurate, appropriate information on the subject;
- increase understanding of the consequences of drug misuse;
- actively discourage any participation in drug misuse.

The school will co-operate with other agencies e.g police, social services, LA, and health and drug agencies in dealing with and preventing the misuse of drugs. Should there be any incidence of drug misuse within the school it will be dealt with sensitively and efficiently, with the priority being the safety and well being of all the children. Should a child become ill through known or suspected contact with drugs, an ambulance will be called and the parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity.