



**DORMER
HOUSE
SCHOOL**

Drug Education Policy

In today's world, our children are coming into contact with drugs and even being offered drugs at primary school age. Whilst at Dormer this would be a very rare situation, many of our children will certainly come into contact with drugs and may be offered drugs, within a few years of leaving our school. We therefore believe it is vital that we educate pupils about drugs and the associated dangers.

We believe that children and young adults will be more equipped to resist pressure to take drugs if they are in a position to make an informed choice themselves. The School recognises the duty it has to develop and provide drug education throughout the school and establish effective strategies to manage any drug related incidents that occur.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To provide an understanding of the drugs that our pupils may come into contact with.
- To build the children's self-esteem, skills and understanding of their own role in preserving their own health and welfare.
- To give our pupils the confidence to make healthy informed choices and to be responsible for their own actions.
- To support the school in maintaining the safety and well-being of all its pupils.
- To give pupils the confidence and knowledge of how and when to ask adults for help.
- To provide clear guidance for staff, parents and governors.

WHAT ARE DRUGS ?

Definition: A drug is defined as a substance that can change the way a human body works, either physiologically or psychologically. This policy will encompass all drugs.

The term drug includes:

- Alcohol
- Cigarettes
- Solvents (glues, correcting fluids, lighter fuel, petrol)
- Nitrates (poppers)
- Magic mushrooms
- Illicit drugs

DRUG EDUCATION PROGRAMME

	Key Stage Two
Knowledge & Understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School rules relating to medicines, alcohol, tobacco, solvents and illegal drugs.• More detailed information about the body, how it works and how to take care of it.• Different types of medicines (both prescribed and over the counter) legal and illegal drugs including their form, their effects and their associated risks.• Introduction to the law relating to the use of legal and illegal drugs.• People who can help children when they have questions or concerns.• Dangers from handling discarded syringes and needles.
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identifying risks.• Coping with peer influences.• Communicating with adults.• Decision making and assertiveness in situations relating to drug use.• Giving and getting help.• Safety procedures when using medicines.
Attitudes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Valuing oneself and other people.• Attitudes and beliefs about different drugs and people who may use or misuse them.• Responses to media and advertising presentations of alcohol, tobacco and other legal drugs.• Taking responsibility for ones own safety and behaviour.

ORGANISATION

- During Health week, additional work on Drug Education will take place supported by the Gloucestershire Life Caravan.
- There is a comprehensive PSICHE scheme across the school.

This policy is monitored by the Headteacher and the Trustees and will be reviewed annually.

Signed

Date: