



## **Rationale**

Drug education should enable pupils to develop their knowledge, skills, attitudes and understanding about drugs and appreciate the benefits of a healthy life style, relating this to their own and others' actions.

The term 'drugs' referred to in this policy includes medicines, alcohol and tobacco as well as substances that are illegal in the UK.

## **Aims**

- To understand the long and short-term effects and risks of drugs
- To develop pupils' personal and social skills to make informed decisions and keep themselves safe and healthy
- To enable pupils to explore their own and other peoples attitudes towards drugs and drug users, including challenging stereotypes

## **Arrangements**

The above aims are achieved through a range of teaching methods and are delivered through well planned PSHE and citizenship at both key stages. Lessons develop pupils' skills to resist pressure to do wrong as well as learning about healthy and safe lifestyles.

At KS1 pupils learn about being safe with medicines and household substances and the importance of following safety rules. At KS2 pupils learn about the effects and risks of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs and basic skills to manage risky situations and to take responsibility for their actions. Drug education also fulfils the requirements of the National Curriculum Science Order.

Teachers are the main providers of drug education although our school nurse can also make a contribution and Y6 attend a drugs awareness workshop during the summer term as part of their visit to Crucial Crew.

## **See also;**

PHSCE policy

Science policy

Behaviour policy