

Cracoe & Rylstone VC CE Primary School

Drugs and Alcohol Policy

Rationale:

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

Aims:

- For pupils to understand that some drugs can be helpful (medicines).
- For pupils to understand the long and short-term effects and risk of drugs and alcohol.
- 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 people's attitudes towards drugs and drug users, including challenging stereotypes.

Arrangements:

The above aims are achieved via a range of teaching methods and are delivered through well planned PSHE and as part of National Curriculum Science lessons 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 more 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.

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 a NYCC-run safety day called Crucial Crew.

Alcohol is not to be consumed on the school premises.

The school site is a non-smoking area. Parents are also requested to avoid smoking while in the Village Hall car park either bringing or waiting to collect their children to/from school.