



South Molton United
Church of England
Primary School

Pupil Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco
Education Policy

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Next Review T&L Committee Summer 2022

SOUTH MOLTON UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRUG ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO EDUCATION

These issues are dealt with as part of the school curriculum, PSHE curriculum, R.E. and programme of Collective Worship.

PSHE

Our aim is that children develop an understanding of risk taking and decision making which affects their health.

Citizenship

- As part of the programme, children are prepared for their role as an active citizen by researching, discussing and debating issues and problems.
- **They practise skills for resisting pressure or influences.**
- They are given opportunities to reflect on spiritual, moral and cultural issues.

Health

- Children will be taught about health (including mental health) issues relating to drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- They will be taught about the dangers and risks of misusing prescribed drugs.

The Law

- Children will understand the importance of school rules about alcohol and tobacco.
- Children will be given basic facts about the law on substance mis-use.

Involving others

The school will ensure that other professionals are involved in the delivery of this curriculum i.e.

- police and
- health professionals.
- Year 6 Junior Life Skills.

The member/s of staff responsible for the school drugs policy and the management of drug related incidents are

School drug education/PSHE Co-ordinator Mrs Helen Jarvis.

Staff responsible for suspected drugs

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| 1. Mr. Kevin O'Donnell | Incident management |
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In his absence

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| 2. Ms Debbie Leach | |
| 3. Mr. Tom Paddon. | Senior Management Team |

Dissemination of policy

- This policy is retained in the school office and is available for consultation.
- It will be disseminated through the school's PSHE co-ordinator
- All staff members have been made aware as outlined later in this document.

Context and Rational

- In the light of the growing culture of legal and illegal drugs and substances misuse the school feels it has a responsibility to safeguard and educate pupils. To this end the drugs policy outlines acceptable behaviour within school/premises and procedures that will be followed in the event of a suspected substance misuse.
- Unacceptable Behaviour.
 1. No non-medicinal drugs should be on the school premises. Any which are found will be confiscated and the police informed.

2. The school is a no-smoking premises and no tobacco should be consumed on the premises. If a pupil is found with tobacco it will be confiscated and parents informed. If deemed appropriate other authorities will be contacted.
 3. During school hours alcohol is not to be consumed on the premises. If a pupil is found with alcohol it will be confiscated and parents informed. If deemed appropriate other authorities will be contacted.
- Further information and advice is available locally, see Appendix A.

Relationship to other policies

- Any suspected drugs incident will be treated in line with the following school policies:

Equal opportunities
Behaviour management
Pupil discipline
Anti-bullying
Child protection
Health and Safety
Medical emergency
Staff discipline
Outside visits/residential trips

Drugs education within school will be according to the PSHE Policy.

New staff, governors and parents/carers of new pupils will be made aware of the existence of this policy.

Monitoring of the policy

- Monitoring of the drugs policy will include the maintenance of a drugs incident and responses record book, which will be held securely in the Headteacher's office.
- The Headteacher will report any drug incidents to the full governing body. The governor responsible for PHSE will monitor the implementation of

the drugs education policy and report to the full Governing body.

Evaluation of the policy

- If a drugs incident occurs the effectiveness of the policy will be reviewed in the light of that incident.

Additional information

Drugs education forms part of the national healthy schools programme, with which the school has been involved with since 2002.

APPENDIX A

Local and National guidance and support centres

General Police Enquiries Tel: 101

Police Community Support Tel: 101
The Police Station
New Road
South Molton
North Devon
EX36 4BH

SCHOOL NURSE
Tel: 01769 575189
North Devon Primary Care Trust
School Health Department
Crown Yealm House
Pathfields Business Park
South Molton
Devon
EX36 3LH

BABCOCK LDP
Tel: 0800 0902090
Great Moor House

Bittern Road
Sowton
Exeter
Devon

YSmart Drug and Alcohol Services for under 18's
Barbican House
5 Barbican Close
Barnstaple
Tel: 01271 388162

Email: y-smart@devon.gov.uk

CHILDLINE
www.childline.org.uk

Tel: 0800 1111