



### **Introduction**

The incidence of drugs, both legal and illegal, is widespread in society. It is this School's aim to educate students so that they are able to make informed decisions.

Students of this school are increasingly likely to experience situations involving legal or illegal drugs. 'Curriculum 2000' identifies drugs as a significant social issue.

### **Aim**

- To develop appropriate moral and cultural attitudes toward legal and illegal drugs;
- Students will be educated so that they are able to make informed decisions about the use of legal and illegal drugs.

### **Objectives**

- To make students aware of the facts about drugs;
- To identify risks involved in substance misuse;
- To explore the moral dimension of substance misuse.

### **Procedures**

Drug education is the responsibility of the Wider Curriculum Dimension. It is delivered through the PSE programme and Science.

## **Managing Illegal Drug Related Incidents on School Premises**

### **Aims**

- To define the School's position on drugs;
- To describe the range of responses to situations involving illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

### **Objectives**

- To identify the situations where illegal drugs may come to the schools attention;
- To decide courses of action to deal with situations involving illegal drugs, alcohol and tobacco.

### **Procedures**

#### **Contact with parents/police/outside agencies**

The appropriate member of the Leadership Group will respond to all evidence that clearly links a student with drug misuse. Professional drug counselling may be offered and/or insisted upon after consultation with the relevant agencies. This will be at the discretion of the Headteacher, as will statements to the media concerning drugs related incidents.

### **Sanctions**

In keeping with its position on drugs, this school will use a range of measures to deter drug misuse. These may include isolation during free time, temporary exclusion and permanent exclusion. The school will endeavour to support those students who are involved in drug misuse situations by working in co-operation with appropriate agencies.

### **Students suspected of being under the influence of drugs or possessing drugs or dealing in drugs**

Any teacher who has reasonable grounds for suspecting a student of

- being under the influence of drugs; **or**
- possessing drugs; **or**
- dealing in drugs, will inform a member of the Leadership Team.

If the Leadership Team member is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting any of the above, he/she may contact Ely/Cardiff Bay Police Station. The police will arrive at school to carry out a preliminary investigation. Following the preliminary investigation, they will decide, whether or not students need to be



arrested in order to conduct a formal interview at a police station, where parents will be invited to be present at the interview.

### **Illegal substances found on school premises**

Where a suspected controlled drug is found on or near school premises the Headteacher, or, in his absence, a member of the Leadership Group, will contact Ely/Cardiff Bay Police Station to seek advice on its handling, storage and destruction.

Further details relating to Emergency Actions and the key signs and symptoms of abuse of the main types of drugs are kept with the Heads of Year/Key Stage and named School First Aider staff,

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