



Garfield Primary
Today's children, tomorrow's future.

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Drugs Education Policy

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- Drugs Education, both teaching and raising awareness, is a responsibility we share with parents and families.
- Most aspects of Drugs Education are covered through the National Curriculum subjects of Science and PSHCE.
- From time to time, issues around drug taking and drug misuse are a real part of children's experience at home and they will often bring these experiences into school. Staff will use their skill and discretion in addressing difficult issues, taking into account the age, maturity and understanding of individual children.
- Senior staff will talk with parents and carers, should there be an issue which they feel the parents and carers need to know about, or that a parent or carer would wish to know about.
- All staff will always follow the school's child protection policy and procedures if they have any concerns about a child's safety or well-being.

We want children to:-

- Know the rules relating to medicines.
- Understand the roles of medicines, and why people use them.
- Have basic information about how the body works and ways of looking after it.
- Understand that all drugs can be harmful if not used properly.
- Begin to understand that drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes and using illegal drugs can be bad for a person's health.
- Make correct informed choices and not be influenced by peer pressure.

Tobacco

The school operates a no smoking policy at all times throughout the building and grounds. This policy applies to employees, parents and visitors.