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DRUGS and SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

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FAILSWORTH SCHOOL – DRUGS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Rationale

The involvement of young people in drug misuse has increased over the past few years. Drugs are now more readily available than ever before and at prices that are within the reach of many young people. There are growing concerns that drug related activities, including associated crime, in the Borough are on the increase.

Research carried out in an Oldham Secondary Schools Drugs Survey in 1997 showed that as many as 70% of school aged children will have been offered an illegal substance and almost 50% will experiment at least once.

We have to face the fact that our students will face the issue of drugs in their teens.

Key points

- Drugs are defined broadly and include any substance that has the potential to affect how a person thinks, feels or behaves (DfES 92.2004)
- The school condones neither the misuse of drugs or alcohol by members of the school nor the illegal supply of these substances.
- The school is committed to the health and safety of its members and will take action to safeguard their well being.
- The school acknowledges the importance of its pastoral role in the welfare of young people, and through the general ethos of the school will seek to both educate and support pupils.
- The school will also use curricular time in several subject areas to educate students about drugs and the consequences of misuse.
- There is clear guidance for staff on how to deal with drugs related incidents. Staff are expected to follow this guidance, and seek support where necessary.

Conclusion

Failsworth School does not accept the misuse of drugs by any member of the school community. Given the society we live in, we realise we must educate the young people in our care as to the dangers of misusing drugs. The issue of drugs in school is managed through education, and pastoral support. At times, it involves punishment.