



GUIDANCE FOR DRUG EDUCATION & INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Rationale

In line with the Government's 10 year strategy 'Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain' and the Buckinghamshire Drug Action Team Strategy, this guidance has been drawn up to explain our policy on drug education and dealing with drug-related incidents.

Staff and other adults on site should act at all times as responsible role models and set a good example of drug-related behaviour. Therefore this policy will apply to any person on the premises, unless the committee/landlord has agreed for the rules to be altered for a particular occasion, e.g. when alcohol is available at an over 18's function.

Drug Definition

A drug is a substance, legal or illegal that can alter the way the mind or body works. Therefore this guidance will include alcohol, tobacco products, caffeine, solvents and other volatile substances, over the counter drugs & medicines, prescribed medicines including tranquillisers & painkillers & illegal drugs.

Drug Education

To be effective, drug education will be taught through the informal curriculum, introduced and reinforced appropriately according to the needs of the children. This will centre on the role of drugs as medicines and that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs can have harmful effects.

Dealing with Drug-related Incidents

There are a variety of situations that would constitute a drug-related incident including:

1. Drugs/alcohol/paraphernalia found on a child
2. Drugs/alcohol/paraphernalia found on premises
3. Supplying of drugs
4. Staff/parents/carers/person external to the setting under the influence of drugs/alcohol

Any response to a drug-related incident in the setting will be taken after considering all the relevant facts and information about the circumstances in which the incident has come about. The setting response will be part of a supportive network developed to ensure that the setting uses its powers to protect the long-term welfare of all the children in the setting, keeping safeguarding issues in mind at all time. Records will be kept for all drug-related incidents. These will be kept securely by the pre-school manager of the setting and will only be shared with key people.

Useful Contact Numbers in Buckinghamshire

Schools' Drug Education Consultant:	01296 334994
Bucks Drug Action Team:	01296 387161
Addiction Buckinghamshire:	01296 396352
Frank:	0800 776600
Drug Prevention Education Awareness Project:	01296 339821