

# **Harris Middle School**

## **Drugs Policy**

### **Aims**

The main aim of Drug (and Alcohol) Education is to develop the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes to help young people to keep themselves, and others, safe.

It is also to:

- Encourage a healthy respect for all substances taken into the body
- Raise pupils' awareness of the world of drugs so that they can make informed decisions
- Promote a no smoking lifestyle amongst pupils
- Enable each pupil to develop confidence and self esteem
- Develop skills to enable pupils to live and cope in a drug orientated society
- Develop responsibility towards themselves and each other

### **Delivery**

Drug education is delivered as part of the PSE programme. It teaches pupils about both illegal and prescribed drugs, alcohol and tobacco. It is SKILLS based and relevant to age and ability. It enables pupils to make informed decisions.

In Year 5 pupils approach the topic through the unit 'Taking Risks – Making responsible choices'.

Pupils in Year 6 benefit from 'Crucial Crew' when they take part in a Local Authority project covering many areas of risk, including drugs. This is in addition to their timetabled lessons on drugs.

Year 7 focus their main attention on legal drugs: Smoking and Alcohol.

Year 8 enjoy the input of PC Speak delivering high quality, up to date and first hand information on Drugs and the Law. Facts about alcohol and alcohol abuse are also covered.

## **Drug related incidents**

Any drug-related incident which should occur will be dealt with according to procedures outlined in the 'Drug-related Incidents policy'.

## **Resources**

The PSE department has good resources available for all staff. Good quality posters giving facts about drugs (legal and illegal) and reasons to say 'No' are also available and are on display at various times, as too are displays of work produced by pupils. Information posters from the NSPCC and CHILDLINE are on display around school. As too are DRUGLINE cards.