

# Low Furness CE Primary School

## 'Learning Together Through Faith'

### *Policy for Drugs Related Incidents*

We at Low Furness CE Primary School are committed to managing drug related incidents in school

#### **Procedures:**

- If a pupil is found in possession of cigarettes, alcohol or an illegal substance they will have this removed from them and the parents will be invited into school to discuss the matter,
- If the substance is unknown, then it will be removed from the owner, locked in a secure place and the police informed,
- If it is found that a child is actually using drugs, the parents are informed. The child may be in need of medical attention and the school may seek it if necessary. The head teacher and child protection coordinator will be informed and a record made as a 'cause for concern',
- All adults working directly with the child or their siblings will be informed of the situation,
- If any child is found in possession of drugs or encouraging the use of drugs in others on the school site, Children's Services will be informed and the disciplinary action would result in exclusion,
- In the event of a child involved in repeated incidents, Children's Services would become involved, the Governors involved and permanent exclusion a possibility,
- Pupils and staff welfare is paramount at all times – with this in mind a child receiving injuries as a result of another child being under the influence of drugs will result in the exclusion of the latter,
- The Head Teacher has overall authority and must be kept informed at all times,
- Although confidentiality will be maintained where possible, the welfare of staff and pupils is essential. Counselling and support for both the child and parents will be made available through referral to appropriate agencies.

#### **Reviewing the policy**

The policy will be reviewed as part of the school's evaluation cycle. The policy is due for review Spring 2026.