

St. Kevin's N.S. Substance Misuse Policy

The scope of this policy applies to the school at all times and extends to all school activities.

Definition of a harmful substance:

A harmful substance is any substance, legal or illegal, that could put a child's health or life in danger.

Dealing with incidents of misuse of harmful substances:

Children should not have harmful substances in their possession. Any such substances found in the possession of a child will be confiscated, reported to the designated liaison person, Scott Vance, and an inquiry will be held. An incident report will be filed and parents will be notified. Gardaí and/or Health Service Executive may be informed, as deemed appropriate. Further disciplinary action may be taken, in accordance with St. Kevin's Code of Behaviour. Counselling may be recommended, if deemed necessary. "Children First" guidelines will be referred to in an effort to address the level of risk to pupils involved.

Storage of harmful substances used in the school:

Certain substances are used in the day to day running of the school. (e.g. gardening, maintenance and stationery supplies, cleaning substances, approved medicines, etc.) Care is taken to ensure that children do not have access to these, as recommended in St. Kevin's N.S. Health & Safety Statement.

Children with special medical needs:

Please refer to St. Kevin's Administration of Medicines policy and Anaphylaxis policy

Outside Parties using the school:

All persons using the school should be made aware of this policy and are subject to same.

Prevention Programme:

Education about the dangers of harmful substances is provided in the S.P.H.E. curriculum, and is delivered in the context of the Walk Tall programme.

Reviewed and ratified by St. Kevin's Board of Management on 12/11/2013.

Signed: _____

Majella Lynch (Chairperson)

Date: _____