

Drug Education Policy

Rationale :

Drug Education at St. Theresa's deals with harm minimisation and provides children with the knowledge and the strategies they require to make informed choices. It is concerned with the health, safety and well being of each child.

Beliefs :

At St Theresa's Primary we believe:

That drug education should begin at an early age.

That children should have an awareness of the effects of drugs appropriate to their level of development.

That children should be given knowledge and strategies to make appropriate choices about drugs and related issues

Aims :

The aims of the Drug Education Program at St Theresa's Primary are for the children to develop an awareness of:

How to be healthy and safe in their daily lives.

How to respond to an emergency situation.

Medicines, safe storage and how to handle a situation where medicine is used incorrectly.

The health care workers involved in keeping us healthy and safe.

Safe and unsafe situations at home and develop some basic first aid responses.

The importance of a positive self esteem in learning to deal with peer pressure.

What a drug is, its uses and effects.

The various influences that effect people's choice of health services and products.

The issue of smoking.

The social and moral issues connected to drug taking.

The effects of the media advertising.

Implementation :

The implementation of the Drug Education Program at St Theresa's Primary will be as follows:

Units will be taught in Grade levels. This will require an extra teacher for some levels.

Program to run as a five week unit as with other Integrated Units.