

## School Policy on Drugs and Sex Related Litter

**Name of school:** The Grange School

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**Member(s) of staff Responsible:** Miss K Samson

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Incidence of drugs and sex related litter being found on school grounds is on the increase. These guidelines are intended to minimize the risk to school staff and the pupils from such items.

- Any member of the school staff who becomes aware of an item that may have been involved in drug or sexual use, should treat the item as being contaminated and a potential risk to their health.
- Under normal circumstances they should not touch the item but ensure the area is isolated.
- They should inform the substance co-ordinator of what they suspect to be contaminated litter.
- The substance co-ordinator should inform the police (if the item is drug related) and then contact the local authority to come and remove the item.
- Syringes, needles, condoms and sanitary towels are to be considered to be contaminated and they should not be handled even with gloved hands.
- Any person who may have come into contact with any of the above should seek medical advice.
- The area where contaminated litter is found may also be contaminated and the area should be avoided by staff and pupils. A strong solution of bleach may be used to clean the area. (Disinfectant is not suitable)
- Any area that **appears** to be contaminated by any body fluid should be isolated and washed down thoroughly with a strong solution of bleach.
- Any suspected contaminated waste **must** be disposed of in an appropriate bag supplied by the local authority and not with

normal refuse. Materials used for first aid should also be disposed of in appropriate bags.

### **Drugs and Sex Related Litter Guidance for staff**

Drugs and Sex related litter may include any of the following:

- Used syringes.
- Used needles.
- Any drug related item.
- Used condoms.
- Used sanitary towels.
- Used tissues.
- Used plasters.
- Used cigarettes.
- Used chewing gum.
- Any body fluid.
- Any item likely to be contaminated with a body fluid.
- Broken glass.
- Any unidentified liquid, regardless of the container it is found in.
- Tablets and capsules.

### **Litter should always be put in the litter bins.**

When we pick up litter we:-

- Always wear gloves.
- Use the litter stick and never use our hands.
- Put the litter into the bin bag without touching it.
- Only pick up sweet papers.
- Never pick up broken glass, plasters, cigarettes or tissues.
- Never pick up anything that looks strange.
- Tell the teacher if we see strange litter.
- Keep our gloves on all the time until we finish.
- Wash our hands when we finish.
- Want our school grounds to be clean and look nice.

*Signed...I Walshaw..... on behalf of the Governing Body*

*Date... 17.6.10.....*

*Signed...J M Thomas..... on behalf of the School*

*Date... 18.6.10.....*