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Polasaí um Úsáid Substaintí

Ráiteas Tosaigh

Cuireadh an polasaí le chéile sa scoil bhliain 2015-2016 i rith lá pleanála.

Bhí foireann iomlán na scoile rannpháirteacht sa phróiseis. Baineann an polasaí seo le mic léinn, múinteoirí, tuismitheoirí agus úsáideoirí láthair na scoile. Baineann sí le h-am scoile (sosanna san áireamh) maraon le gníomhaíochtaí a bhaineann leis an scoil. Baineann sé freisin le gach imeacht/ócáid a bhíonn ar siúl sa scoil taobh amuigh d'am scoile.

Réasúnacht

- Is Polasaí de chuid an Rialtais é an Straitéis Náisiúnta Drugaí ‘Tógáil ar Thaithí’ agus tá sé de dhualgas ar scoileanna polasaí ar dhruaí a chur i bhfeidhm (Gníomh 43)
- Leagann an tuairisc a rinne an Chomhairle Chomhairleach Náisiúnta ar Dhruaí darbh ainm dó ‘Cosc a chur ar Úsáid Drugaí’ béim ar an tábhacht a bhaineann le forbairt polasaí ar dhruaí i scoileanna.
- Tuisicint roinnte ar an téarma ‘drugaí’ a fhorbairt, agus seasamh comhaontaithe na scoile maidir le mí-úsáid drugaí a shainmhíniú.
- Cur ar chumas scoileanna déileáil le saincheisteanna a bhaineann le mí-úsáid substaintí ar bhealach pleanáilte a rinneadh machnamh faoi, agus de réir a bhfreagrachtaí reachtúla
- Cabhrú le múinteoirí ina seomraí ranga

Gaol le Spioraid sainsiúil na scoile.

Tá baint ag an polasaí seo le fealsúnacht agus le saintreithe (meon) na scoile. Táimid ar aon fhocal gurb é seo éiteas na scoile sa mhéid is go gcuidíonn sé le hatmasféar sábháilte, daonlathach, taitneamhach, sochair a churi i láthair.

Aidhmeanna

- An leas, cúram agus cosaint do gach duine óg a ndéantar freastal air san Acht Oideachais 1998 agus san Acht Oideachais (Leas) 2000 a chinntiú
- Cinntiú go gcloíonn an scoil le ceanglais reachtaíochta agus prionsabail an dea-chleachtais
- Chun sain-mhíniú den téarma ‘dhrugaí’ a thuiscint.

- Ionchur a dhéanamh i réimse an oideachais agus cosc ar dhrugaí, tríd an gclár OSPS
- An baol do leanaí ó mhí-úsáid drugaí agus ó dhaoine a mhí-úsáideann drugaí i scoileanna/sa phobal a laghdú
- Eachtraí a bhaineann le drugaí a bhainistiú ar bhealach pleanáilte
- Tacú le tuismitheoirí agus daltaí aghaidh a thabhairt ar mhí-úsáid drugaí.

Sainmhiniú ar céard is ‘Druga’ ann?

Is é is druga ann, ceimiceán ar bith a athraíonn an chaoi a n-oibríonn an corp agus conas mar a iompraíonn an duine í/é féin mar aon lena chuid m(h)othúcháin. Sa pholasaí seo táimid inníoch faoi dhrugaí a bhfuil an tionchar acu mothúcháin an duine a athrú agus an dóigh a ndearcann siad ar nithe agus drugaí a d'fhéadfadh duine a chur i gcontúirt go fisiciúil nó ó thaobh na síceolaíochta de.

Treoirínte (ábhar an pholasaí)

Tabharfaidh an polasaí maidir le húsáid substaintí aghaidh ar shaincheisteanna a bhaineann le:

1. Socraithe reatha maidir le halcól, tobac agus oideachas ar dhrugaí
2. Bainistíocht eachtraí a bhaineann le halcól, tobac agus substaintí
3. Oiliúint agus Forbairt Foirne
4. Rannpháirtíocht Tuismitheoirí

1 Socraithe reatha maidir le halcól, tobac agus oideachas ar dhrugaí

Is trí mhúineadh OSPS, sa Churaclam scoile, a thugtar an tuisicint is fearr do dhaltaí faoi alcól, tobac agus drugaí. I nGaelscoil Mhuscraí cuirfear oideachas, faoi alcól, tobac agus drugaí, ar fáil i gcomhthéacs leathan tríd an Clár OSPS taobh istigh d'imshaol tacúil na scoile uile. Na cláracha OSPS atá i gceist ná:-

- An Clár Misneach
- Beo go Deo
- Bí sábháilte
- Oideachas Caidrimh agus Gnéasachta

Ó am go chéile beidh saineolaithe ón gcomhphobal le thabhairt chun na scoile m.sh. tuismitheoirí, altra, garda, oibrí sóisialta, cuiditheoir ón Roinn Oideachais/ Sláinte, nuair is féidir, chun cur leis an obair a dhéantar sa rang. Sa chás seo beidh caint agus obair an cuairteora seo i gcónaí faoi stiúir an múinteoir ranga.

2. Bainistíocht eachtraí a bhaineann le tobac, le halcól agus substaintí.

Tobac - Polasaí Scoile

- Níl cead tobac a chaitheamh in áit ar bith ar shuíomh na scoile.
- Níl cead ag daltaí, baill foirne, tuismitheoirí nó cuairteoirí chun na scoile toitíní a chaitheamh ar láthair na scoile nó in áit ar bith ar shuíomh na scoile.
- Níl cead ag daltaí toitíní a thabhairt ar scoil nó iad a iompar nó a láimhseáil.

- Má bhíonn toitíní ag dalta nó má bhíonn siad ag caitheamh sa scoil, ar shuíomh na scoile nó ag imeachtaí eile ar a bhfreastalaimíd mar scoil, cuirfear chuig an príomhoide é/í agus cuirfear an scéal sin in iúl dá t(h)uismitheoirí.
- Mar eiseamláirí iompair do na páistí is gá do mhúinteoirí a chinntiú nach bhfuil toitíní /boscaí toitín le feiceáil ag na páistí in áit ar bith ar shuíomh na scoile. Tuigtear leis seo go bhfuil cosc iomlán ar chaitheamh tobac ag ócáid ar bith scoile ar a mbíonn na daltaí ag freastal.
- Is mar a chéile na rialacha seo do chuariteoirí chun na scoile.

Alcól - Polasaí Scoile

- Tá cosc iomlán ar alcól i dtimpeallacht na scoile (I gcás ócáidí speisialta, lorgófar cead ón mBórd Bainistíochta m.sh alcól mar duaiseanna i gcrannchur scoile)
- Ní ceadáítear do mhic léinn/foireann na scoile alcól a thabhairt ar scoil nó alcól a ól sa scoil, nó le linn gníomhachtaí scoile áit a bhfuil páistí scoile.
- Má cheapann múinteoir go bhfuil deoch meisiciúil ólta ag mac léinn cuirfear in iúl don bpríomhoide láithreach bonn agus iarrfar ar na tuistí an páiste a thabhairt abhaile.
- Leanfar Cód Smachta i gcásanna go mbristear na rialacha seo.
- Má cheapann múinteoir/príomhoide go bhfuil duine d'fhoireann na scoile faoi thionchar dí, cuirfear in iúl don bpríomhoide/ Cathaoirleach an bhoird.
- I gcás nach bhfuil tuistí an linbh sásta an mac léinn a thabhairt abhaile glaofar ar an dochtúir áitiúil, na gardaí nó seirbhísí leighis

Drugaí Mí Dhleathacha is Tuaslagáí - Polasaí Scoile

- Níl cead ag daltaí nó ball fóirne drugaí aindleathach nó tuaslagaithe, a bheith acu nó a úsáid ar láthair na scoile.
- Má fhaightear drugaí aindleathach nó tuaslagaithe ar láthair na scoile ba chóir iad a chur faoi ghlas in áit sábháilte agus glaoch a chur ar na Gardaí teacht chun fáil réidh leo. Moltar nach mbogfadh múinteoir substaintí aindleathach riamh.
- Má mhothaíonn múinteoir go bhfuil dalta faoi thionchar drugaí nó tuaslagaithe nó ag tráchtáil drugaí aindleathach, déarfadh sé/í leis an bPríomhoide láithreach agus cuirfear an scéal faoi scrúdú. Inseofar do thuismitheoirí faoin dalta atá i gceist. Lorgófar comhairle agus cabhair óna Gardaí áitiúile.
- Beidh Bord Bainistíochta na scoile ag súil go n-inseoidh tuismitheoirí don Phríomhoide nó don mhúinteoir má tá amhras orthu go bhfuil a bpáiste ag glacadh drugaí.

Déanfaidh an scoil iarracht deileáil le himeachtaí a bhaineann le halcól, tobac is drugaí i slí pleanáilte, consiasach agus tréadach. I gcásanna éisceachtúla lorgófar comhairle dlí-dóra.

3. Oiliúint agus Forbairt Foirne

Tá traenáil faighte ag roinnt múinteoirí sa chlár Misneach agus sna cláracha OSPS. Ní mór tacaíocht leanúnach a fháil ó Bhórd Bainistíochta na scoile chun breis traenála is

forbairt foirne a chur chun chinn. Faoi láthair tugtar tacaíocht do Bhun Scoileanna ón Seirbhís um Fhorbairt Ghairmiúil do Mhúinteoirí agus ón Oifig Tacaíochta Misneach. Tugann an HSE tacaíochta éagsúil chomh maith do scoileanna.

Rólanna agus Freagrachtaí

Ba mhaith leis an scoil a bheith soiléir ar an bpointe go luíonn príomh fhreagracht i dtaobh cosc mhí-úsáid substaintí leis na tuismitheoirí ach go dtacaímid leo tré oideachas a chuir ar na páistí ar na bealaí éagsúla atá luaite sa pholasaí seo.

Critéir Rathúlachta

Beidh a fhios againn má tá an polasaí seo ag dul i bhfeidhm go héifeachtach má:

- Bhíonn ullmhúchán, pleanáil agus múinteoireacht na múinteoirí bunaithe ar an bpolasaí seo.
- Bhíonn an cur chuige leagtha síos sa pholasaí seo úsáidte go seasta.
- Chabhraíonn aiseolas ó mhúinteoirí, daltaí, tuismitheoirí/an pobal/an Garda Síochána/Boird Sláinte/eile chun measúnú ar rathúlachta an bpolasaí.

Dáta don Cur i bhfeidhm agus Athbhreithniú

Cuirfear an polasaí seo i bhfeidhm ó Mí Meán Fómhar 2015 agus beidh an polasaí seo á mheas go rialta agus á huasdátú nuair is gá.

Daingniú agus Cumarsáid

Dhaingnigh an Bord Bainistíochta an polasaí go hoifigiúil ar 28ú Meán Fómhar 2015. Tá sé le fáil do thuismitheoirí ar shuíomh idirlíona na scoile ar www.gaelscoilmhuscraie.ie agus ó hoifig na scoile.

Síniú an Chathaoirligh: _____

Dáta: _____

Substance Abuse Policy

Introductory Statement

This policy was formulated in the school year 2015-2016 as part of a staff planning day. This policy applies to students, teachers, parents and users of the school building. It applies during school time (including break times) and to all school related activities. It also applies to all other events/occasions when the school is in use.

Rationale

- The National Drugs Strategy, 'Building on Experience', is now Government Policy and it requires schools to have a drugs policy in place (Action 43)
- Recent reports from the National Advisory Committee on Drugs underline the importance of schools developing drugs policies.
- To develop a shared understanding of the term 'drugs' and to define the school's agreed position in relation to drug related issues.
- To equip schools to deal with issues relating to substance misuse in a planned and considered way and in accordance with their statutory responsibilities
- To assist teachers in their classroom experience

Relationship with school ethos

The philosophy and characteristics of the school are reflected in this policy. The substance use policy reflects the school ethos in that it will help towards the provision of a well-ordered, caring, happy and secure atmosphere where the intellectual, spiritual, physical, moral and cultural needs of the pupils are addressed.

Aims

- To ensure the welfare, care and protection of every young person as provided for in the Education Act, 1998 and the Education Welfare Act, 2000.
- To ensure that the school complies with legislative requirements and principles of good practice.
- To develop a shared understanding of the term "drugs"
- To provide pupils with information and skills through engagement with the SPHE curriculum
- To minimise the dangers caused to children by drug misuse and drug misusers within schools/communities
- To manage drug related incidents in a planned manner
- To support parents and pupils in addressing drug misuse.

Definition of a Drug: A drug can be defined as a chemical which causes changes in the way the human body functions mentally, physically or emotionally. For the purpose of this policy we are concerned with drugs which have the power to change a previous mood and the way a person thinks about things and drugs of which the taker may become physically or more often psychologically dependent.

Policy content

The substance use policy will address issues in relation to

1. Current provision regarding alcohol, tobacco, and drug education
2. The management of substance-related incidents
3. Staff Development
4. Parental Involvement

1. Current provision regarding alcohol, tobacco and drug education.

It is accepted amongst educationalists that education about alcohol, tobacco and drugs is best carried out by teachers through the inclusion of SPHE in the curriculum. In Gaelscoil Mhuscraí education about alcohol, tobacco and drugs will be provided in the broader context of a Social, Personal and Health Education Programme which is delivered in the context of a supportive whole school environment. Specific programmes in use in the school are:

- The 'Walk Tall' programme
- The 'Alive-O' programme
- The 'Be Safe' programme
- Relationship and Sexuality Education

This SPHE programme will from time to time draw on the expertise available from the community i.e. parents, Health Board and Gardaí. The use of an outside visitor/speaker to enhance the work done in class will always be considered in the context of the SPHE programme and will always be undertaken in the presence of the teacher.

2. The management of substance related incidents

Smoking – School Policy

- The school is a non smoking area for all.
- Students, staff members, parents or visitors to the school are not permitted to smoke on the school premises or anywhere on the school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to bring cigarettes into school or have them on their person.
- Pupils found smoking or in possession of cigarettes on the premises, on school grounds or at school related events will be reported to the Principal and parents will be informed.
- As role models for the pupils staff members must ensure that cigarettes are not visible in school or on the school grounds. It is understood that smoking is also prohibited at any school related event where pupils are in attendance.
- Visitors must comply with the non-smoking policy.

Alcohol – School Policy

- Alcohol is banned from the school premises (In special circumstances permission must be sought from the Board of Management e.g. alcohol as raffle prizes in school fundraisers.)
- Pupils and staff are not allowed to bring alcohol to school or to consume alcohol at school or during school events where pupils are present.
- Where a student comes to school under the influence of alcohol, the principal will be informed and their parents will be called in to take the student home.
- Students breaking these rules will be dealt with according to the school's code of discipline.
- If a member of staff / Principal suspects that another member of staff is under the influence of alcohol, the Principal/Chairperson of the Board of Management will be informed.
- If a parent is unwilling to take a child home the local doctor/Gardaí/Health Services will be informed.

Illicit Drugs and Solvents – School Policy

- Students and teachers are forbidden from being in possession of or using illicit drugs or solvents on the school premises.
- Illicit drugs found on school premises will be locked away and the Gardaí contacted to dispose of them. Teachers are advised not to transport illicit substances at any time.
- If a teacher is of the opinion that a student is under the influence of illicit drugs or solvents or where the school suspects trafficking of illicit drugs she/he will immediately inform the Principal and an investigation will be carried out. Parents of any student involved will be informed. The advice and assistance of the local Gardaí will be sought.
- The school BOM will expect parents to inform the Principal or teacher if they suspect their child of drug taking.

The school will endeavour to respond to incidents involving alcohol, tobacco and drug use in a planned and considered way. In certain cases it may be necessary to seek legal advice.

4. Staff Development

Teachers have already undergone training in the Misneach and S.P.H.E. Programme. An effective policy needs to be supported by an on-going commitment from the Board of Management to training and staff development. At present primary schools are assisted in this area by the Professional Development Service for Teachers (P.D.S.T.) and Walk Tall Support Office (for Local Drugs Task Force Area Primary Schools) The HSE also provide a wide range of support for schools.

Roles and responsibilities

We would like to state clearly at this point that parents have the primary responsibility when it comes to the prevention of misuse of substances but the school will support them by implementing the programmes and strategies mentioned above.

Success Criteria

We will know this policy has been implemented if:

- The teachers preparation, planning and teaching is based on this policy.
- The procedures outlined in the policy have been consistently followed.
- Positive feedback from teachers, pupils, parents, members of the community, the Gardaí/HSE regarding implementation of this policy is received.

Implementation Date and Review

This policy will be implemented from September 2015 and the policy will be regularly evaluated and updated where necessary.

Ratification and Communication

This policy was officially ratified by the Board of Management on _____ . It will be made available to parents on the school website www.gaelscoilnhuscraie.ie and from the school office on request.

Sínte: _____

Dáta: _____