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Good drug education is supported by a consistent, whole school approach and it is more effective when delivered as part of a comprehensive PSHE Programme. It is part of the entitlement for all children and young people, whatever their age, level of development or social, cultural or religious background.

Drug education forms a significant strand within Health Education, which will become statutory in all schools in September 2020.

Drug education is an important component in the wider area of risk education. Giving information about drugs alone will have a minimal impact on children and young people's abilities to keep themselves safe with drugs. Good drug education will address issues of peer and media influence and will explore different responses to risk and challenge, develop assertiveness, improve communication with peers and adults and enable them to reflect on the factors that influence their decisions.

- [\*\*+ Provision for development of Primary Drug Education\*\*](#)
- [\*\*+ Provision for development of Secondary work on Drug Education\*\*](#)
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