



Sex and Relationship Education Policy

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Purpose

A key aim of the school is that each pupil will develop the skills and knowledge to make decisions. Decisions about how they relate to others can only be made if they have adequate knowledge and understanding of their own physical and emotional development. This is not a task for the school in isolation, and we seek to work with parents to ensure that the teaching of sex education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents will be informed about the teaching of sex education each term so that they can decide whether or not to withdraw their child.

Relationship to other policies

Sex education forms an integral part of the curriculum policy, and the schemes of work for science, citizenship, and personal, social, and health education (PSHE), and relates to child protection.

Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors

The **governing body** will:

- Decide how sex education should be in the school curriculum and, if so, what it should consist of and how it should be organised (*primary only; secondary must provide sex education, including education about HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases*)
- Seek the advice of the headteacher on this policy, keep it up to date, and make it available to parents
- Ensure that sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life and the importance of marriage and similar relationships.

The **headteacher** will ensure that:

- The governing body is advised about the nature and organization of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school

- Sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life and the importance of marriage and similar relationships
- Pupils are protected from inappropriate teaching materials
- A scheme of work is agreed and implemented
- Parents are informed about the programme for sex education each term and any parental complaints are reported to the governors.

Staff who teach sex and relationships education are expected to:

- Provide sex education in accordance with this policy and in a way which encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life
- Participate in training to provide sex education in line with the school curriculum policy
- Implement the agreed scheme of work
- Draw to the attention of the headteacher any material which they consider to be inappropriate
- Respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from sex education

Arrangement for monitoring and evaluation

- Lessons on sex education may be observed in the normal programme of monitoring teaching and learning.
- Any parental complaints, arising from the programme for sex education, will be reported to the governors.