



# **Sex and Relationships Education Policy**

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## **Purpose**

This is a statutory policy intended to ensure each pupil develops 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 and carers to ensure that the teaching of sex education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents and carers will be informed about the teaching of sex education in a timely manner so that they may enquire about the curriculum content before deciding whether or not to withdraw their child/ren from the lessons.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

## **Roles and responsibilities**

### **The governing body will:**

- Seek the advice of the Executive Headteacher on this policy, keep it up to date, and make it available to parents and carers; and,
- 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 or a committed relationship.

### **The Executive Headteacher will ensure that:**

- The governing body is advised about the nature and organisation of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school;
- Sex education sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage or a committed relationship.
- Pupils are protected from inappropriate materials;
- A scheme of work is agreed and implemented; and
- Parents and carers are informed about the programme for sex and relationships education prior to it being taught

### **Staff who teach sex and relationships education are expected to;**

- Provide sex education in accordance with the policy and the primary national curriculum for science and in a way which encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life;
- Participate in any agreed training to provide sex education in line with the school curriculum policy;
- Implement the agreed scheme of work;
- Draw to the attention of the Executive Headteacher any materials which they consider to be inappropriate; and,
- Respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents or carers wish them to be withdrawn from sex education;
- Teach about different family types.

## **Parents/Carer Consultation**

On a yearly basis, parents and carers will be informed by letter about the teaching of Sex and Relationships Education and they will be given the opportunity to visit the school to review the lesson materials and ask any questions prior to the content being taught. Parents and carers will be free to withdraw their child/ren from the lessons and the staff will respect this decision.