

Feedback from our RSE Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all of the families who responded to our questionnaire. We had responses from 33 families across the school. The responses have all been reviewed and below you can find answers to the questions raised.



Does the new Relationships Education and RSE curriculum take account of my faith? In accordance with government guidelines, the RSE curriculum has been designed with consideration from different religious and non-religious perspectives to ensure a balanced point of view is presented with a clear emphasis on respect and tolerance for all.

- RSE does not 'promote' sex before marriage, rather it educates students about safe and healthy relationships.
- Nor does RSE 'promote' LGBT+, it educates students on the fact that there are different types of committed, stable relationships.
- These subjects are designed to foster respect for others and educate students about healthy relationships in the context of the law.
- The RSE curriculum teaches how stereotypes, in particular stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage (e.g. how they might encourage prejudice).
- In addition, students are taught that within our school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others.

Will my child be taught about LGBT+ relationships? All Primary schools will be teaching about different family types and this will include LGBT parents/carers. We will also celebrate different family types during our diversity week.

We believe that children deserve to learn about a world which reflects the one in which they are growing up. Many children will have LGBT+ parents, friends or family members, and this new guidance will help them to grow up knowing that there are different types of families.

Will the children be taught correct terminology? As part of a high-quality provision for teaching RSE, teachers will always use correct terminology when teaching about reproductive organs or reference to genitalia. Lessons which are planned will be age appropriate, based on guidance from the DfE and PSHE association. Specific information about vocabulary linked to your child's year group was shared on the videos during consultation but can also be shared if requested.

Is my child too young to be learning this? We are introducing Relationships Education at primary, to put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships of all kinds. This will start with family and friends, how to treat each other with kindness, and recognising the difference between online and offline friendships.

Lessons on Sex Education are tailored to the age, physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. Should you have concerns about these lessons in particular you have a right to withdraw your child.

Can I withdraw my child from all RSE lessons? We have committed to retaining parents' right to withdraw their child from sex education within RSE (other than sex education in the National Curriculum as part of science). There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at primary or secondary as we believe the contents of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

Advice on how to withdraw your child from the sex education elements of RSE can be found in the policy. Parents should be aware that schools are legally required to provide a broad, balanced curriculum. Sex education topics can arise incidentally and overlap with relationships education lessons and it is not possible to withdraw pupils from these relatively limited and often unplanned discussions.

What can I do if I'd like further information about what will be taught? As always we would invite you to come and speak to us. If after watching the videos for each year group you would like to know more we would be happy to book a time to go through the resources and answer any further questions.

Whilst the consultation was regarding Relationships and Sex Education within the PSHE Curriculum, it was evident from some of the responses received that some Parents and Carers are not familiar with the full content of our PSHE curriculum, which is much broader than simply the Relationships and Sex Education content. It also includes topics such as online safety, health and well-being, money matters and British Values.

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