



## Sex and Relationship Policy

### Rationale

Sex and Relationship Education is lifelong learning about sex, sexuality, emotions, relationships and sexual health. It involves acquiring information, developing skills and forming positive beliefs, values and attitudes.

Sex and Relationships Education promotes the growth of self-esteem in children and develops their ability to take responsibility for themselves and their actions.

### Aim

To provide Sex and Relationships education in schools because:

- It is a legal requirement for schools to provide Sex and Relationships education
- Evidence shows that Sex and Relationships education can make a positive contribution to children's personal and social development.

### Objectives

- to enable children to develop knowledge, communication skills and understanding in order to develop personal decision making
- to enable children to develop the ability to form positive, non-exploitative relationships
- to emphasise the role and value of family life
- to generate an atmosphere where questions of a sexual nature can be asked and answered openly and without embarrassment, either in a class situation or a one-to-one basis, and always being aware of confidentiality and the role of parents in such matters.

Sex and Relationships Education is always taught with due regard to moral considerations and with the values of family life and supportive relationships.

*Among the values promoted are:*

- respect for oneself and other people
- taking responsibility for one's actions in all situations
- honesty and loyalty in relationships
- the importance and responsibilities of the family unit for all members
- sensitivity towards the needs and views of others
- to recognise the physical, emotional and moral implications, and risks, of certain types of behaviour
- to recognise and accept the differences of others.

## **Responsibility**

The teaching of Sex and Relationships Education is the responsibility of all teachers. The Headteacher is the co-ordinator for Sex and Relationships Education

## **Staff training**

All staff will be given appropriate training to meet their needs, and when the opportunity arises.

## **The teaching of Sex and Relationships Education**

Sex and Relationships Education will be taught as part of the PHSE curriculum.

## **Assessing progress**

There are no statutory requirements for assessment.  
See Appendix for Key Stage statements.

## **Rights of withdrawal**

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from part or all of Sex and Relationships education outside what is specified in the National Curriculum.

## **Links to other policies**

This policy is part of the group of policies covering 'Life Skills', and has close links to those policies:

- Personal, Health Social Education Policy
- Drugs Education Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Race Relations Policy
- Disability Rights Policy
- Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Policy
- Learning and Teaching Policy
- Curriculum Policy

It also has close links to the Science Policy, the Behaviour Policy, the Anti-Bullying Policy and the Pastoral Care Policy.

## **Review of this policy**

This policy will be reviewed in April '16