

# Relationships and Sex Education Policy 2021

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## 1. Aims

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies

ShIPLEY CE Primary School is committed to the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. It will be taught as part of our PSHE and Science curriculum and as part of our spiritual teaching through our 'Values for Life' programme. As a Christian community we discuss the importance of moral and emotional development as well as the physical growth and changes the children will experience. We value the importance of marriage for family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care. Relationships and Sex Education is an open forum for pupils to discuss a range of physical and emotional issues in a frank, open and honest way. Well-being and emotional health is promoted throughout.

## 2. Statutory requirements

As a maintained primary school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the [Children and Social work act 2017](#).

However, we are not required to provide sex education but we do need to teach the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum.

In teaching RSE, we must have regard to [guidance](#) issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the [Education Act 1996](#).

## 3. Policy development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

1. Review – senior leaders pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance
2. Staff consultation – all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations
3. Parent/stakeholder consultation – a working party of governors and parents were invited to comment about the policy
4. Pupil consultation – we investigated what exactly pupils want from their RSE
5. Ratification – once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified

## 4. Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

## 5. Curriculum

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary.

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so pupils are fully informed and don't seek inaccurate answers online.

Primary sex education will focus on:

- Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings
- How a baby is conceived

For more information about our curriculum, see our curriculum map in Appendix 1.

## 6. Delivery of RSE

RSE is taught within the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the science curriculum, and other aspects are included in religious education (RE). Year 5 and 6 pupils also receive stand-alone sex education sessions, following the National Curriculum science objectives

Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances (families can include single parent families, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures) along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

## 7. Roles and responsibilities

### 7.1 The governing body

The governing body will approve the RSE policy, and hold the Headteacher to account for its implementation.

### 7.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the school, and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from non-science components of RSE (see section 8).

### 7.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-science components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the headteacher.

### 7.4 Pupils

Pupils are expected to engage fully in RSE and, when discussing issues related to RSE, treat others with respect and sensitivity. Ground rules are adhered to in teaching sessions.

## 8. Parents' right to withdraw

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-science components of sex education within RSE.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the headteacher.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education and discretion is used so other pupils are not raising questions

## 9. Training

Staff are trained on the delivery of RSE as part of their induction and it is included in our continuing professional development calendar.

The headteacher will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

## 10. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by the headteacher/PSHE lead through:

Learning walks, discussions with pupils, book scrutiny, staff discussion and CPD

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems and reported annually.

- Safeguarding policy
- PSHE policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Equality policy
- Curriculum policy appendix 1: PSHE Relationships Curriculum

**KS1 should learn:**

- R1 about the roles different people (e.g. acquaintances, friends and relatives) play in our lives
- R2. to identify the people who love and care for them and what they do to help them feel cared for
- R3. about different types of families including those that may be different to their own
- R4. to identify common features of family life
- R5. that it is important to tell someone (such as their teacher) if something about their family makes them unhappy or worried
- R6. about how people make friends and what makes a good friendship
- R7. about how to recognise when they or someone else feels lonely and what to do
- R8. simple strategies to resolve arguments between friends positively
- R9. how to ask for help if a friendship is making them feel unhappy
- R10. that bodies and feelings can be hurt by words and actions; that people can say hurtful things online
- R11. about how people may feel if they experience hurtful behaviour or bullying
- R12. that hurtful behaviour (offline and online) including teasing, name-calling, bullying and deliberately excluding others is not acceptable; how to report bullying; the importance of telling a trusted adult
- R13. to recognise that some things are private and the importance of respecting privacy; that parts of their body covered by underwear are private
- R14. that sometimes people may behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not
- R15. how to respond safely to adults they don't know
- R16. about how to respond if physical contact makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe
- R17. about knowing there are situations when they should ask for permission and also when their permission should be sought
- R18. about the importance of not keeping adults' secrets (only happy surprises that others will find out about eventually)
- R19. basic techniques for resisting pressure to do something they don't want to do and which may make them unsafe
- R20. what to do if they feel unsafe or worried for themselves or others; who to ask for help and vocabulary to use when asking for help; importance of keeping trying until they are heard
- R21. about what is kind and unkind behaviour, and how this can affect others
- R22. about how to treat themselves and others with respect; how to be polite and courteous
- R23. to recognise the ways in which they are the same and different to others
- R24. how to listen to other people and play and work cooperatively
- R25. how to talk about and share their opinions on things that matter to them

Families and close positive relationships

Friendships

Managing hurtful behavior and bullying

Safe relationships

Respecting self and others

**KS2 should learn:**

R1. to recognise that there are different types of relationships (e.g. friendships, family relationships, romantic relationships, online relationships)

R2. that people may be attracted to someone emotionally, romantically and sexually; that people may be attracted to someone of the same sex or different sex to them; that gender identity and sexual orientation are different

R3. about marriage and civil partnership as a legal declaration of commitment made by two adults who love and care for each other, which is intended to be lifelong

R4. that forcing anyone to marry against their will is a crime; that help and support is available to people who are worried about this for themselves or others R5. that people who love and care for each other can be in a committed relationship (e.g. marriage), living together, but may also live apart

R6. that a feature of positive family life is caring relationships; about the different ways in which people care for one another

R7. to recognise and respect that there are different types of family structure (including single parents, same-sex parents, step-parents, blended families, foster parents); that families of all types can give family members love, security and stability

R8. to recognise other shared characteristics of healthy family life, including commitment, care, spending time together; being there for each other in times of difficulty

R9. how to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice

R10. about the importance of friendships; strategies for building positive friendships; how positive friendships support wellbeing

R11. what constitutes a positive healthy friendship (e.g. mutual respect, trust, truthfulness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, sharing interests and experiences, support with problems and difficulties); that the same principles apply to online friendships as to face-to-face relationships

R12. to recognise what it means to 'know someone online' and how this differs from knowing someone face-to-face; risks of communicating online with others not known face-to-face

R13. the importance of seeking support if feeling lonely or excluded

R14. that healthy friendships make people feel included; recognise when others may feel lonely or excluded; strategies for how to include them

R15. strategies for recognising and managing peer influence and a desire for peer approval in friendships; to recognise the effect of online actions on others R16. how friendships can change over time, about making new friends and the benefits of having different types of friends

R17. that friendships have ups and downs; strategies to resolve disputes and reconcile differences positively and safely

R18. to recognise if a friendship (online or offline) is making them feel unsafe or uncomfortable; how to manage this and ask for support if necessary

R19. about the impact of bullying, including offline and online, and the consequences of hurtful behaviour

R20. strategies to respond to hurtful behaviour experienced or witnessed, offline and online (including teasing, name-calling, bullying, trolling, harassment or the deliberate excluding of others); how to report concerns and get support

R21. about discrimination: what it means and how to challenge it

R22. about privacy and personal boundaries; what is appropriate in friendships and wider relationships (including online);

R23. about why someone may behave differently online, including pretending to be someone they are not; strategies for recognising risks, harmful content and contact; how to report concerns

R24. how to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts including online) whom they do not know

R25. recognise different types of physical contact; what is acceptable and unacceptable; strategies to respond to unwanted physical contact

R26. about seeking and giving permission (consent) in different situations

R27. about keeping something confidential or secret, when this should (e.g. a birthday surprise that others will find out about) or should not be agreed to, and when it is right to break a confidence or share a secret

R28. how to recognise pressure from others to do something unsafe or that makes them feel uncomfortable and strategies for managing this

R29. where to get advice and report concerns if worried about their own or someone else's personal safety (including online)

R30. that personal behaviour can affect other people; to recognise and model respectful behaviour online

R31. to recognise the importance of self-respect and how this can affect their thoughts and feelings about themselves; that everyone, including them, should expect to be treated politely and with respect by others (including when online and/or anonymous) in school and in wider society; strategies to improve or support courteous, respectful relationships

R32. about respecting the differences and similarities between people and recognising what they have in common with others e.g. physically, in personality or background

R33. to listen and respond respectfully to a wide range of people, including those whose traditions, beliefs and lifestyle are different to their own

R34. how to discuss and debate topical issues, respect other people's point of view and constructively challenge those they disagree with

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## Appendix 2: By the end of primary school pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families and people who care about me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability</li> <li>• The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives</li> <li>• That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care</li> <li>• That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up</li> <li>• That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong</li> <li>• How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed</li> </ul>
Caring friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends</li> <li>• The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties</li> <li>• That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded</li> <li>• That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right</li> <li>• How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed</li> </ul>

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Respectful relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs</li> <li>• Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships</li> <li>• The conventions of courtesy and manners</li> <li>• The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness</li> <li>• That in 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, including those in positions of authority</li> <li>• About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help</li> <li>• What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive</li> <li>• The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults</li> </ul>
Online relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not</li> <li>• That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous</li> <li>• The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them</li> <li>• How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met</li> <li>• How information and data is shared and used online</li> </ul>
Being safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)</li> <li>• About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe</li> <li>• That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact</li> <li>• How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know</li> <li>• How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult</li> <li>• How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard</li> <li>• How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so</li> <li>• Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources</li> </ul>

**Relationships & Sex Education with KS2 science objectives**

YEAR GROUP	TOPIC/THEME DETAILS	RESOURCES
Year 2	Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things that cause conflict between me and my friends</li> <li>• What I do when my friend makes me upset</li> </ul>	Jenny Mosley Circle time resources
Year 3 and 4	My changing body: How boys’ and girls’ bodies change as we grow up, and how these changes affect us Compare toys we used to enjoy playing with and toys now. Discuss family differences and rules in families. What are you allowed to do now that you didn’t used to be able to do?	Channel 4 Living and Growing video – Alternative version - Unit 1 – How did I get here? Growing up
Year 5 and 6	Describe the changes as humans develop to old age. Draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. Include the social and emotional aspects of growing old and provide time to discuss relationships with older relatives Learn about the changes experienced for boys and girls in puberty. Learn how eggs are fertilized in both animals and humans and compare and discuss the differences. Using animals as examples – discuss how the roles of parents can vary between families, eg seahorses Explore different types of family units	Channel 4 Living and Growing video – Alternative version - Unit 2 –Boy Talk, Girl Talk Unit 3 – How babies are made  Invite school nurse, other professional or male teacher in if possible.
All year groups work on these through values and worship and circle time	Personal safety – the pants rule – NSPCC visit On line safety Anti-bullying strategies Families and close positive relationships Friendships Managing hurtful behavior and bullying Safe relationships Respecting self and others	Jenny Mosley Circle time resources Values and worship resources on termly themes Respect (core value) Generosity Truthfulness Compassion Perseverance Thankfulness

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education			
Any other information you would like the school to consider			
Parent signature			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL	
Agreed actions from discussion with parents	

Year 6 consultation 24.6.20

They all remembered doing it last year! Many did not like it – ‘disgusting’, ‘people kept laughing’

Summary

**WWW**

Some children found it useful

The box of items was interesting

We didn't like the video but some of it was useful. It's better to have it than not to have it

When we do it at secondary, we already know a bit about it

**EBI**

Year 5 and 6 work separately if possible

A nurse could come to talk to us

We learn more about animals and about how they reproduce so it is more scientific and distanced from us

Parent comments 13.7.20

1. A quick survey with J last night, he remembered learning about the human body in year 3/4 and thought it was funny. He doesn't know anything about sex education when I asked. He is happy to learn about it in year 6.

In my opinion it is important to teach children about relationships from an early age. Learning from school is easier for the children to ask questions without fearing being embarrassed.

I have read the policy and approved.

2. I have had a read through and all seems OK to me. I agree that teaching Yr5 and Yr6 some of the areas separately could be beneficial. As there could be nearly 2yrs age difference between the year groups.