

Slindon Church of England Primary School

Our Statement on Sex and Relationship Education

At Slindon Church of England Primary School we believe that it is important for children to have an understanding of themselves and others, and to develop fulfilling relationships.

The aim of our school Sex and Relationship Programme is to teach children about human growth and reproduction as set out in the National Curriculum. This is delivered through our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE curriculum). The teaching and learning is based upon self respect, empathy and respect for others.

Pupils learn about sexual matters which are suitable to their age and emotional development, sensitive to their cultural and religious background and take full account of the needs of those with disabilities. It will be based upon Christian beliefs, which value marriage and its importance for family life and for bringing up children. We will however value all 'family units'. (A family unit is defined as a group of people living together in a caring relationship and sharing common values).

The Aims and Objectives of our Sex and Relationship Education Policy

We aim to enable pupils to:

- have a clear understanding of their own physical and emotional development;
- make positive and fulfilling relationships with others;
- take responsibility for their own actions in preparation for adult life.

We will achieve this by helping our pupils to develop:

- knowledge and understanding about growth, development, and human reproduction;
- an understanding of moral responsibility;
- an awareness of social, cultural and religious influences;
- the skill to say no to unwanted attention;
- communication and decision making skills;
- the ability to consider values and attitudes, sexuality and personal relationships.

The Organisation of the Sex and Relationship Programme

- The Sex and Relationship programme will be delivered through the school's 'Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education' curriculum (PSHCE).
- We will respond to questions raised by pupils sensitively, considering their age and ability. If we feel it appropriate particular issues raised by pupils will be discussed with their parents/carers.
- Teacher's personal beliefs and attitudes will not influence the teaching of Sex and Relationship Education.

- All teachers will be responsible for implementing the Sex and Relationship Education programme within their own class. They will be supported by the school nurse in the delivery of this programme.

Working with Parents

At Slindon Church of England Primary School we value the contribution that parents make to the education of their children about sexual matters and relationships.

Any parent wishing to withdraw their child from all or part of the Sex and Relationship Education Programme, except those aspects deemed as National Curriculum Science, should make this known to the Headteacher.

If parents have any concerns about the programme they should direct these to the Headteacher.

Confidentiality

Although teachers will create a comfortable and trusted atmosphere, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed to the pupils. Any teacher who is concerned about the welfare of a pupil must follow the statutory 'Child Protection Procedures', under the guidance of the Child Protection Officer for the school, who is the Headteacher.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.

Our Sex and Relationship Programme is in accordance with the DfEE 'Sex and Relationship Guidance', July 2000.

This policy was compiled by the Headteacher and School Nurse in consultation with school staff.

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