

SEX AND RELATIONSHIP POLICY

Introduction

Effective Sex and Relationship Education is essential if young people are to make responsible and well informed decisions about their lives. At Roach Vale Primary School it is firmly rooted within the framework for PSHCE and the National Curriculum. The objective of Sex and Relationship education is to help and support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development. The National Healthy School Standard provides a useful and supportive framework for delivering Sex and Relationship Education. Care is taken to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances. Government guidance on Sex and Relationship Education states: 'Young people, whatever their developing sexuality, need to feel that sex and relationship education is relevant to them and sensitive to their needs...Teachers should be able to deal honestly and sensitively with sexual orientation, answer appropriate questions and offer support.' Sex and Relationship education is taught within the subjects of Science and PSHCE.

At Primary School level Sex and Relationship Education contributes to the foundation of PSHE and Citizenship by ensuring that all children:

- develop confidence in talking, listening and thinking about feelings and relationships
- are able to name parts of the body and describe how their bodies work
- can protect themselves and ask for help and support
- are prepared for puberty

Who provides Sex and Relationship Education?

Class teachers are responsible for teaching Sex and Relationship Education within the curriculum subjects of Science and PSHE.

Who is responsible for Sex and Relationship Education?

The Head teacher and the Governors are ultimately responsible for Sex and Relationship Education with the Head teacher being responsible for Child Protection.

When is Sex and Relationship Education taught?

Sex and Relationship Education are taught throughout the school through PSHCE and Science. The emphasis in Year Five (and subsequently in Year Six) is on more advanced and detailed knowledge appropriate to the needs of the pupils. This includes information on relationships as well as physical development.

How is Sex and Relationship Education monitored?

Class teachers monitor the Science and PSHCE aspects of Sex and Relationship Education with the Head Teacher and relevant class teachers monitoring Sex and Relationship Education in Years Five and Six.

Do parents have a right to withdraw their children?

Parents are informed about the planned Sex Education programme in Year 5 and parents have the right to withdraw their children from Sex and Relationship Education. It is then their responsibility to ensure their children are suitably informed. Parents are invited to view the DVDs used by the school prior to the pupils and review its suitability for their own child.