

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION POLICY



Aims: Why do we teach Sex and Relationships Education?

It is not a statutory requirement at either Key Stage One or Two. The purpose of Sex Education should be to provide knowledge about loving relationships and the processes of human reproduction within a clear moral framework.

We aim to:

- Encourage a healthy self esteem enabling children to accept their sexuality as part of their whole personality and to understand that they have rights and should have control over who touches their bodies.
- To create a positive classroom atmosphere in which questions about sexuality can be asked and answered without embarrassment.
- To develop communication skills encouraging respect for the views of others.
- To teach physical aspects of sexual behaviour within a moral frame through an appreciation of the values of family life, marriage and parenthood.
- To complement and support the role of the parents in preparing their children for sexual maturity.
- To ensure that SRE is taught in the context of our core values.
- To make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

Whole school approach to the teaching of SRE

- The whole school currently follow a PSHE scheme of work known as SCARF. During the year each year group covers a unit of work based on healthy relationships, feelings and emotions.
- In the summer term the whole school will use the NSPCC resources 'The Underwear Rule', which encourages conversations about keeping safe from sexual abuse.
- In addition, during the Summer term, the NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme will visit the school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and how to get help if they have any worries. This involves a whole school assembly followed by workshops for years 5 & 6.
- Our year 6 children will take part in the 'Real Love Rocks' 3 week programme of work which raises awareness around Child Sexual Exploitation and what a healthy and safe relationship is.
- Each year in the spring term, the school purchases a day for year 6 to take part in a Sodexo day as part of the Life Education programme Northwest. This day focuses on exploring changes during puberty.
- Parents will always be notified via letter of the above programmes and will have the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the class teacher.

Child Withdrawal

The Governors recognise the rights of parents to withdraw their child from Sex Education. Alternative curriculum arrangements will be made to accommodate such pupils, after discussion between Governors, staff and the parents involved.

Equal Opportunities

The school will be sensitive to different backgrounds which may influence pupils. Respect and responsibility for others will be encouraged through raising awareness of potential sexism and stressing the value of equal opportunities for males and females.

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