



Governors' Policy Statement on Sex Education within Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education

It is the Governors' policy that sex education should be provided. It will be presented as part of a whole school programme of "Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education" (PHSCE), beginning at a very simple level in Early Years and being revisited at different levels as the children move through the school.

Sex education will be given in accordance with the spiritual and moral values included in the Aims of Twineham School.

The parents of children in Year 6 will be consulted about plans for more explicit teaching on puberty and reproduction, to be given by a member of the teaching staff using an appropriate video as the main resource. Parents will have the right to withdraw their children from this part of the PHSCE programme if they so desire.

Parents should speak to the class teacher or the Headteacher if they have questions about the treatment of sex education or sensitive issues within the school, or wish to withdraw their children from any part of the programme.

Members of staff will as far as possible observe confidentiality in dealing with questions from children on sensitive issues but reserve the right to refer such questions to parents or to health service professionals if appropriate.

Resources

Governors will ensure that an appropriate proportion of the school's resources is directed towards the provision of suitable curriculum materials and in-service training as necessary for the fulfilment of this policy.

Safeguarding

The safeguarding of children is paramount at Twineham. Specific policies relating to this area are kept in a file in the School Office as well as in the general policies files. All staff are required to read these policies and commit to the high regard safeguarding has at the school and fulfil all safeguarding duties. To this end all visitors supporting the school curriculum will be CRB checked or never left alone with the children and will be supervised by a member of staff (who will be CRB checked as a matter of course). Children are to be reminded about safety and keeping themselves safe and opportunities provided in the curriculum to reinforce this will be taken.

Equal Opportunities

Twineham is committed to providing equality of opportunity and there is a separate Equalities Policy which should be read alongside this policy. Reasonable adjustments to the curriculum will be made to maximise opportunities for all children to access learning and the curriculum. In school every opportunity will be taken to explore equality and the impact of discrimination.

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