

## Sex Education Policy

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### STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Sex and Relationships Education Policy has been developed in accordance with the current requirements of the law, taking into account the Children’s Act 1989 and 2004 and the Education Act 1993 and 2002.

This policy applies to all staff working in the school.

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) is an educational entitlement for all children and young people. It is lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development and sex, sexuality and sexual health. It enhances the self-worth and confidence of each individual and encourages mutually respectful relationships and empathy for others.

It has three main elements:

#### Attitudes and values

- Recognition of the value of family life, marriage, stable and loving relationships for the nurture of children
- Respect for self and others
- Exploration of moral dilemmas
- Development of critical thinking

#### Personal and social skills

- Self-confidence, self-esteem and empathy for others

- Managing emotions and relationships confidently and sensitively
- Skills of choice to manage responsibility

## **Knowledge and understanding**

- Emotions and relationships
- Physical development
- Sexuality, reproduction, sexual health
- Sex Education Policy
  
- Information on local and national contraception and sexual health services
- Reasons for delaying sexual activity
- The avoidance of unplanned pregnancy

The school provides a setting in which students can be offered appropriate teaching about Sex and Relationships Education. The purpose of SRE is to assist children and young people to prepare for adult life by supporting them through their physical, emotional and moral development and helping them to understand themselves, respect others and form and sustain healthy relationships. SRE is inclusive of all students to ensure that they:

- Receive their sex education in the wider context of relationships
- Are prepared for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of life
- Develop positive attitudes to sexuality

At all times the school works closely with parents/carers to explain our SRE policy regarding both its delivery and its overall ethos. We also work in partnership with external agencies, such as NHS nurses, to help deliver current and relevant information. It is crucial that SRE is managed in an open, appropriate and consultative manner; and this agreed policy enables us to define that context.

## **Linked policies**

This policy is to be read in conjunction with the following linked policies:

- Behaviour Policy
- Equalities Policy
- Health and Safety Policy