



RSE Parent Forum

Consultation

Statutory guidance from the Department for Education requires schools to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy. This ensures that the curriculum is transparent, age-appropriate and reflects the needs of the school community.

The guidance also highlights the importance of working in partnership with parents so that children receive consistent messages about relationships, health and wellbeing both in school and at home.

Key Message

In school, children are taught Relationships Education and Health Education, which are statutory in primary schools. These subjects help children to understand healthy relationships, respect and personal wellbeing. While sex education is not statutory in primary schools, it may be taught in Years 5 and 6 in an age-appropriate way.

This Parent Forum forms part of our consultation process, giving parents the opportunity to understand what is taught, ask questions and share their views to help shape the curriculum.

Objectives

- Understand the statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education
- Understand how RSE is currently taught in school
- Provide an opportunity for parents/carers to share views and feedback
- Ensure transparency around curriculum content and resources
- Understand the role parents play, including the right to request withdrawal from sex education

Curriculum Overview

We must provide the following to all pupils:

- Relationships Education
- Health Education

Sex education:

- Is not statutory in primary schools
- Is recommended for Years 5 and 6
- Is taught in an age-appropriate and sensitive way

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from Relationships or Health Education but can request withdrawal from sex education (where it is taught).

Consultation and Feedback

As part of this consultation, we are seeking your views on:

- What we currently teach
- How well the curriculum meets children's needs
- What we do well and what could be improved
- Whether there are any areas you feel should be added or developed
- Whether you would like further information or guidance

We will also gather feedback from staff and pupils.

What Happens Next?

- Feedback from parents, staff and pupils will be reviewed
- The RSE policy and curriculum will be updated if necessary
- A formal consultation period will take place before approval

Further Information

If you would like to view the RSE Parent Forum PowerPoint or require any further information about the curriculum, please contact Mrs McCoulough (PSHE and Relationships Lead) and this can be shared with you on request.