



Our Vision

'To encourage and empower everyone in our community to be the best that we can be, through the enjoyment of learning and embracing our diversity through our Christian values'.

Information for Parents and Carers: Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

Why will my child be learning Relationship and Sex Education?

The Department for Education has updated requirements, making Relationships Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education.

The Church of England's charter for Relationship, Sex and Health Education states:

'Everyone will be treated with dignity as all people are made in the image of God and loved equally by God. All pupils have a right to an education which enables them to flourish and is set in a learning community where differences of lifestyle and opinion (within that which is permissible under UK law) are treated with dignity and respect'.

All of our curriculum is underpinned by our Christian vision and values.

What will my child be learning?

In school RSE topics will be taught within our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum. Children will be learning about:

- families and people who care for them.
- caring and respectful friendships and how to keep themselves safe online and online relationships
- mental well-being, physical health and fitness
- the impact that drugs, alcohol and tobacco have on the body
- how their bodies change as they grow up
- economic well-being, enterprise and career opportunities.

Is it Compulsory?

Sex education at Primary school is not compulsory.

In years 5 and 6 children learn reproduction in science. As it is part of the science national curriculum it is compulsory.

Children will also learn more about relationships and sex, which goes beyond the existing national curriculum for science. This will include: puberty (what happens to our body and mind) these lessons will be both same sex and single sex lessons dependant on the areas covered (e.g. girls will be given lessons on sanitary products), the scientific process of how a baby is made (egg and sperm), how a baby develops in the womb, and the basic fundamentals of conception.

Reproduction will be covered in both science (with animals) and in RSE (with humans). This is not compulsory.

Do I have a right to withdraw my child from Relationships and Sex Education?

In a Primary School, you have the right to withdraw from any sex education lessons that go beyond that of the science national curriculum.

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at Primary or Secondary school as the contents of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught.

What now?

As we continue to develop this area of our curriculum, we would like to consult with you and welcome any comments, suggestions or questions. Please either telephone school to speak with Miss Whittaker or email admin@parish.n-yorks.sch.uk If you would like further information then visit:

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