

RSE

Possible Questions and Suggested Responses

Potential Questions and Suggested Responses

With Relationships Education content, certain questions are likely to come up. When answering these questions, it is important to use the correct terminology. Try to use the terms male and female, rather than woman and man, as this refers to a person's biological gender rather than a gender with which the person might identify.

- How are babies made?

Depending on the age and maturity of the child, explain that a seed (called a sperm) is needed from a male and a seed (called an egg) is needed from a female. The sperm fertilises the egg and the egg develops into a baby inside the female's uterus or womb. This happens in all animals, not just humans. It is important to use the correct language.

- How does the sperm meet the egg?

Again, how you answer this question depends on the age and maturity of the child asking. You can explain that the male and female need to be very close, using a phrase like, 'they have a special cuddle'. A more detailed answer could be that the sperm swim up to meet the egg in one of the fallopian tubes.

- How are babies born?

A brief answer to this question could be to say that when the baby is ready, it travels from the uterus, down through the vagina and comes out from an opening between the female's legs. Some babies cannot be born this way, so are delivered by caesarean section, which means the doctors make a cut in the female's stomach and take the baby out that way.



- What is LGBT?

This stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender.

- What does gay mean?

Gay is the term used for men who are attracted to other men. So, a gay couple means two men who love each other.

- What is a lesbian?

Lesbian is the term used for women who are attracted to other women, so a lesbian couple is two women who love one another.

- What does bisexual mean?

Bisexual is the term used for a person who is attracted to men and women.

- What does transgender mean?

Sometimes a person born with a male body feels like a girl inside and someone born in a female body might feel like a boy inside.

- Can men marry men and women marry women?

Yes, in the UK and many other countries, a man can marry a man and a woman can marry a woman.

- Do you have to be married to have a baby?

Two people in a loving relationship might choose to have a baby but they do not have to be married.

- How can a child have two mums or two dads?

Some people who are in a gay or lesbian relationship might choose to be parents. There are different ways they can do this. Families are all different, so some children have two mummies or two daddies.

- Why do some parents split up?

Sometimes two people who have loved each other and been a couple decide that they do not want to live together anymore. This doesn't mean they no longer love their children.

- Why do some boys want to be girls and some girls want to be boys?

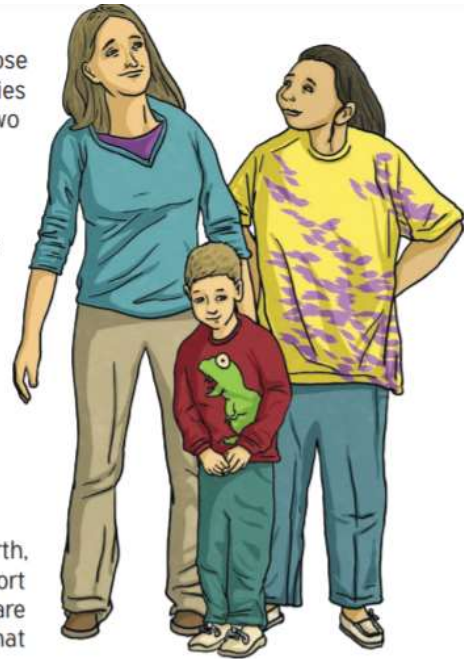
Some people don't feel like the way they look matches how they feel inside.

- What does fostered mean? What does adopted mean?

Some children are not able to live with their biological, or birth, parents so other people look after them. It might be for a short while or a long time. This is called fostering. Some children are adopted by people other than their birth parents. This means that they legally become a part of their adoptive family.

- Is it OK to...? Is it normal to...?

If a child asks whether something is normal or OK, then it is important to listen to what they have to say without judgement. You might want to ask them how they feel about the issue they are discussing - are they worried by it or feeling uncomfortable? Explain that if you feel they are in danger then you will need to speak to someone else about them in order to get them the help and support they need.



Title	Author	ISBN
Usborne Facts of Life – Growing Up	Susan Meredith	0-7945-0764-6
Mummy Laid an Egg!	Babette Cole	0-09-929911-9
Let's Talk About Sex	Robie H. Harris	978-1-84428-178-9
Living with a Willy – the inside story	Nick Fisher	978-0-330-33248-4
Where Willy Went	Nicholas Allan	978-0-0-099-45648-3
The Girls Body Book – Everything you need to know for growing up YOU	Kelli Dunham, R.N.	978-1-60433-004-5
The Boy's Body Book – Everything you need to know for growing up YOU	Kelli Dunham	978-1-933662-74-9
How did I Begin?	Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom	978-0-7496-5661-4
Let's Talk about girls, boys, barbies, bodies, families and Friends	Robie H. Harris	978-1-4063-0606-4