



Relationships and Sex Education

Questions and Answers:

(Based on the parent survey completed in Autumn term 2020)

How can I support my child at home?

Class teachers have been made aware of all the parents in their class who noted in the survey that were unsure of how they could support their child at home. They will be getting in touch shortly to discuss the content of work with you and offer advice.

We have now also created a section on our website for Relationships and Sex Education. This includes many age-appropriate materials and resources to help you further support your child at home.

Will teachers revisit previous learning before teaching the children new content?

All class teachers will be revisiting previous content before teaching the new content for their year group. This is especially important this year, given the new amendments made to our policy and the likelihood that some previous content may not have been taught before this year.

Will the NSPCC's "Underpants Rule" be taught to younger children from Reception onwards?

Yes, the "Underpants Rule" is first taught in Nursery is revisited throughout EYFS and Key Stage One.

Will 'inappropriate touch' be taught to all year groups from Foundation and reinforced during RSE for all year groups including Y5 and Y6?

Yes, class teachers understand the importance of some objectives being revisited in every year group, including 'inappropriate touch'.

Will pupils learn about homosexuality in order to be taught about homophobic language?

Yes, our pupils are made aware of homosexuality from an early age, using many age-appropriate story books and posters around school. Pupils learn that there are many different types of families and that all are equally important e.g. a family where the child is being brought up by grandparents, a single parent family, a family with same sex parents and a family with adopted parents

Events we celebrate through the year as part of our PSHE curriculum also open up discussions around equality and diversity in our community, including Anti-Bullying Week, Hate Crime Awareness Week and International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia.

Can Y5 boys be taught about menstruation and the menstrual cycle so they understand what changes the girls in their class will be going through?

Both the school and Governing Body feel that in Year 5, both the boys and girls will be learning a lot of new knowledge about how their own bodies will be changing as they go through puberty. For some children, this can be quite an overwhelming experience and so we feel that at this stage, the main focus should be on their own bodies and the changes they will go through.

However, if any parents wish to further educate their son at home about menstruation and the menstrual cycle, we have included materials and resources in the RSE section of our website for support.

Will personal hygiene be discussed in UKS2?

Yes, personal hygiene will be discussed in both Year 5 and Year 6 RSE lessons.

Can children be taught about masturbation?

Both the school and Governing Body feel that this can be a highly sensitive subject and goes beyond the expectations of a primary school teacher in line with the government guidance at this time. However, resources have been shared in the RSE section of our school website to support parents on how to discuss masturbation with their child.