

HOLLY TREES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy for Sex and Relationships Education

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Reviewed Annually

SEX and RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION POLICY

Introduction

Sex and relationship education forms part of the PSHE curriculum and is developed throughout the school to help to give the children the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need to lead healthy, well informed lifestyles, in which they are responsible, independent citizens. The emphasis of this teaching is on helping children understanding how to relate to others, understand their own reactions and changes, and how to deal with or avoid potentially difficult situations.

This policy has been developed after consultation between the school's leadership team, staff and Governing body.

Equal opportunities and inclusion

We ensure all children have access to the sex and relationship policy in line with our equal opportunities and inclusion policy. By providing a sex and relationship policy we ensure relevant issues including bullying and the consideration of feelings are addressed. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from these lessons and should consult the Head if they wish to do so. For specific sex education lessons in Y6, letters will be sent home in advance to ask for parents' consent for children to attend.

As well as this SRE policy and the Equal Opportunities and Inclusion policy, Sex and Relationship teaching will take into account the Anti-bullying policy, behaviour policy and the Child Protection policy.

Aims

- To reassure children of their value and self worth
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- To promote the importance of friendship and family life

- To help children to develop good relationships and have the ability to respect the differences between people

- To enable children to develop confidence and responsibility

- To support children appropriately in understanding how they are changing physically and emotionally

- To nurture a responsible attitude towards personal relationships including aspects of mutual respect and care and to develop sensitivity in a loving relationship

- To teach children about human reproductive processes and sexual health

- To inform children on matters of personal hygiene and related health issues

- Encourage exploration of values and moral issues taking into account physical and moral risks associated with certain behaviour

Implementation of policy

There is a whole school approach to SRE used consistently across all phases. This subject will be taught in a cross-curricular way, encompassing all of the elements within the National Curriculum as well as expanding more broadly into human relationships, human and physical development and reproduction, risks of sexual activity and sexuality.

Staff will answer children's direct general questions in an open and factual way if they feel comfortable in doing so. Otherwise, they should defer to another member of staff. Staff will not enter into discussions about personal issues and lifestyles, nor give their personal point of view.

All sex education will be taught in mixed gender classes. Children will know that they are free to question further and discuss issues with their own or another teacher. In Year 6, at least one opportunity for single sex groups to seek information will be offered.

Resources and Criteria Used for their Selection

Resources will be chosen by the school, in consultation with teachers and governors. Advice will be taken from area advisers etc. Parents' comments will be taken into consideration. This is part of the school's annual review of the SRE policy.

Certain other topics such as sexuality and contraception may be addressed openly and honestly, and in accordance with the philosophy, aims and objectives of the school if children who genuinely ask about them are mature enough.

Working with Parents

Parents will be given the opportunity to view the video materials used in Y6 prior to the lessons using the materials, being taught. If it is relevant to use video material with younger KS2 children, parents will be given the same opportunity.

Dissemination of the policy

The policy will be presented to all staff and a copy made available to them.

Parents will be advised about the availability of the policy.

A copy of the policy will be kept in the office or will be available from the Headteacher.