

TRIMLEY ST MARTIN PRIMARY SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION

Working with our School Community



New Guidance

- ▶ 20 years since the last review of the curriculum- the world (and how we interact with each other) has changed
- ▶ New- Relationships Education in Primary Schools
- ▶ Previous recommendations for teaching Personal, Social, Health Education, are now part of the National Curriculum.
- ▶ Sex Education in Primary Schools remains optional, though in Year 5 & 6 the science curriculum form part of what might be considered as sex education- puberty and reproduction.

OUR SCIENCE CURRICULUM

As part of the Science curriculum we teach the following statutory objectives that build understanding about growth and reproduction:

Year One

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Year Two

Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs.

Year Five and Year Six

Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty

Where and how did you learn about sex and relationships? For our young people, their learning can come from...

Mobile
phones



TV



Internet



School



Parents &
Carers




Friends &
Older
Siblings



Why is Relationships and Sex Education important?

- Entitlement
- Puberty is starting earlier- for some children by age 9
- Unwanted conceptions
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Safeguarding
 - Grooming
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Abuse
 - Sexting
 - Online pornography
 - Upskirting
 - County Lines

What is effective Relationships & Sex Education (RSE)?

- Age appropriate
 - Based on needs of pupil
 - Progressive
 - Inclusive
 - Delivered by trained staff in a safe environment
 - Prepares children adequately for puberty in a timely way
 - Prepares children for adult life
 - Promotes positive relationships
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Your rights as a parent:

- To be informed of the RSE curriculum and policy
- To be consulted about changes to these
- To withdraw your child from Sex education lessons (that are outside of/ additional to the Science National Curriculum)

Summary

- Parents have the right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons at Primary School that go **beyond** the content in the Science National Curriculum.
- Topics covered related and linked to the Science Curriculum are statutory and not optional to teach. This is as follows:
 - In Key Stage 1, children learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They should be introduced to the concepts of reproduction and growth but not how reproduction occurs.
 - In Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5/6), children are taught about the life cycles of humans and animals, including reproduction. They also learn about the change that happens in humans from birth to old age. This includes learning about what happens in puberty.
- Schools have the right and obligation to teach RSE topics to prepare children for life when they leave school.
- The curriculum on Relationships and Sex Education should complement, and be supported by, the school's wider policies on Behaviour, bullying and safeguarding (PSHE; On Line-Safety etc.).