RHSE/PSHE Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy



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Introduction.

All learners are entitled to Relationships and Sex Education. This entitlement is enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which determines that all young people have the same right to enjoy their sexuality within the highest attainable standard of health, free from coercion and violence, and to access quality sexual education and sexual health services.

Overley Hall School provides for up to 24 learners between the ages of 8 and 19. All of our learners have complex learning needs (SEN). At Overley Hall our school Aims and Ethos all guide us to be preparing our learners for: adulthood, developing respect for themselves and others. Our Relationships Education and RSE policy follows this view. All content is sensitive, presented in an age-appropriate way taking into account the developmental level of the learner and tailored to the needs of each individual.

Aims

Overley Hall Schools' Relationships Education and RSE policy aims to:

- Set out how the school will support and make provision for our learners to access and learn from an appropriate Relationships Education in Key Stage 2 and a Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in Key stages 3 and 4.
- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare learners for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Help learners develop feelings of self-respect, self-esteem, confidence and empathy
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Help learners to develop an understanding of different relationships and how to keep themselves safe by asking for help as and when needed
- Teach learners the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies
- Explain the roles and responsibilities of everyone involved in providing and delivering to our learners a structured Relationships Education and Relationships and Sex Education.

Legislation

As an independent special school, we must provide relationships education to all learners as per section 34 of the <u>Children and Social work act 2017</u>.

In teaching RSE, we must have regard to to <u>guidance</u> issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the <u>Education Act 1996</u>.

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education' Last updated 13 September 2021 has helped form this policy The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (1989)

At Overley Hall School we teach RSHE/PSHE as in this policy.

Policy development

This policy has been developed by:

Reviewing – a staff RSHE Focus group was convened to create a curriculum mapping document and policy for RSHE, the group pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance

Staff consultations – all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations

Parents were sent consultation including the curriculum map and will have access to the whole RSHE curriculum via the school website.

Ratification – once amendments were made, the policy was shared with the Support and Scrutiny board and ratified.

Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health. RSHE should help learners to respect themselves and others by acquiring accurate information, developing skills and forming positive beliefs, values and attitudes. The curriculum teaches our learners about relationships (between friends, family, peers, other adults, committed relationships and those online), sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. Relationship education will put into place the building blocks for positive and safe relationships.

RSHE involves a combination of sharing information and exploring issues and values. RSHE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

Health Education aims to give learners the necessary information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing as well as recognising issues in themselves and others. It gives them opportunities to seek support as early as possible when problems arise.

Curriculum

Our curriculum is described in Appendix 1. This curriculum may be adapted to meet the individual needs of a learner e.g. if a teaching opportunity arises such as discussion around a new baby in the family.

The RSHE curriculum and will also cover elements of the person, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum.

Our curriculum is built upon a spiral curriculum, which means that learners will revisit many of the outcomes in more detail as the years go by. It allows the learners to access the lessons we feel are appropriate for them at a particular age. Care is taken to present information impartially, in a factual way, with the aim of reassuring learners and addressing misconceptions in a sensitive and respectful manner.

The RSE Curriculum covers:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Care, Support and Safety
- Managing Feelings

- Changing and Growing
- Healthy Lifestyles
- The World I Live in
- Online Safety

Primary sex education will focus on:

Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings.

How a baby is conceived and born.

Teachers / Tutors lead sex education lessons in a sensitive manner, and in confidence. However, if a learner makes a reference to being involved (or being likely to be involved) in sexual activity, then the teacher will take the reference seriously, and discuss with a DSL. Teachers/ Tutors will respond in a similar way if a learner indicates that they may have been a victim of abuse. They will not try to investigate, but will immediately inform a DSL. Any concerns will be handled sensitively by the schools DSL's in consultation with health care professionals (please see our child protection and safeguarding policy for more details) Learners are made aware of this when ground rules are set at the start of the lessons.

For more information about our curriculum, see our curriculum maps in Appendix 1.

Delivery of RSHE

Our school aims to create an atmosphere in which learners are able to develop and learn confidently. We promote safe and healthy lifestyles. Effective RSHE needs to be taught in an atmosphere of trust, responsibility and respect where sensitive issues can be discussed without embarrassment or threat.

It is essential that lessons are sensitive to a range of views but we must ensure that learners always have access to the learning they need to stay safe, healthy and understand their rights as individuals.

RSHE is taught alongside the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are also taught within the science curriculum, and other aspects are included in religious education (RE).

Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me
 - Caring friendships

- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

For more information about our RSHE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

At secondary school age, RSHE focuses on giving learners the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds including:

- 🕏 Families
- Respectful relationships, including friendships
- Online and media
- 🕏 Being safe
- Thimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

For more information about our RSHE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances (families can include single parent families, LGBTQ+ parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures) along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

We will also be mindful of the law and legal requirements, not to condone or encourage illegal political activity, such as violent action against people, criminal damage to property, hate crime, terrorism or the illegal use of drugs.

Inclusivity

We will teach about these topics in a manner that:

- Considers how a diverse range of learners will relate to them
- Is sensitive to all learners' experiences
- During lessons, makes learners feel:
 - Safe and supported
 - Able to engage with the key messages

We will also:

- Make sure that learners learn about these topics in an environment that's appropriate for them, for example in:
 - A whole-class setting
 - Small groups or targeted sessions
 - 2-to-1 discussions
 - Digital formats
 - Give careful consideration to the level of differentiation needed.

Use of resources

We will consider whether any resources we plan to use:

- Are aligned with the teaching requirements set out in the statutory RSHE guidance
- Would support learners in applying their knowledge in different contexts and settings
- Are age-appropriate, given the age, developmental stage and background of our learners
- Are evidence-based and contain robust facts and statistics
- Fit into our curriculum plan
- Are from credible sources
- For the second secon
- Are sensitive to learners' experiences and won't provoke distress

Roles and responsibilities

The support and scrutiny board

The support and scrutiny board will approve the RSHE policy, and hold the head teacher to account for its implementation.

The head teacher

The head teacher is responsible for ensuring that RSHE is taught consistently across the school, and for managing requests to withdraw learners from non-statutory components of RSHE (see section 8).

Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual learners
- Responding appropriately to learners whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the head teacher.

- Lorna Deakin (Learning Coordinator) and Mandy Peever (Pastoral coordinator) will work with the head teacher to ensure the Curriculum Mapping and CPG Assessment sheets are kept relevant and up to date with current legislation.
- All Teachers are responsible for the planning and delivery of the core elements of RSHE directly and through cross curricular learning.

Learners

Learners are expected to engage fully in RSHE and, when discussing issues related to RSHE, treat others with respect and sensitivity.

Parents' right to withdraw

The policy is available in school for all parents to inspect and details of the policy are published on the School website, so that parents of potential learners are fully aware of the school's policy in this matter.

Key Stage 2 (Primary age):

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSHE.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the head teacher.

Alternative work will be given to learners who are withdrawn from sex education.

Key stage 3 to 5 (Secondary school age):

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSHE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the head teacher.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the learner's educational record. The head teacher will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternative work will be given to learners who are withdrawn from sex education.

Parents should be aware that learners cannot be withdrawn from those parts included in the statutory National Curriculum Science lessons or any part of Relationships Education as this forms part of the statutory National Curriculum since September 2020.

Parents will be offered support to avoid this or alternatively given guidance to assist parents to teach their own young people.

Training

Staff are trained on the delivery of RSHE as part of their induction and it is included in our continuing professional development calendar.

The head teacher will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSHE.

Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSHE is monitored by the Head Teacher through, monitoring arrangements, such as:

- 🕏 planning scrutiny
- 🕏 learning walks
- Iesson evaluations
- moderation of work
- CPG assessment and progression.

Learners' development in RSHE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

This policy will be reviewed by Lorna Deakin (learning Coordinator and Mandy Peever (Pastoral coordinator) annually. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Support and Scrutiny Board/Head teacher.

Appendix 1: Curriculum maps

Curriculum Maps

RSHE/PSHE Mapping			
White	Yellow	Purple	Blue
Self –Awareness	Self-Awareness	Self-Awareness	Self-Awareness
Respond with curiosity to stimuli about the ways	Explore ourselves — recognising that there is self	Identify when people are being kind or unkind —	Identify things we are good at (strengths/talents).
in which we are special.	and there are others.	either to us or to others.	Recognise that being unique means we might like
Respond with curiosity to stimuli about our family.	Respond to basic emotions.	Participate in role play of how our feelings can be	and be good at different things from other people.
Respond to stimuli about different feelings we or	Express positive and negative emotions through	hurt.	Recognise simple strategies we can use to help us
others may experience.	facial expressions and vocalisation.	Participate in activities that demonstrate how	be organised in our learning.
Respond to taking turns as modelled by both	Explore likes and dislikes.	things make us feel happy, sad or tired.	Demonstrate ways of sharing opinions, thoughts
adults and peers.	Participate in turn taking activities in a small	Demonstrate the ability to listen to others.	and ideas and working collaboratively.
Demonstrating awareness/recognition of the	group.	Identify some actions/behaviours that show	Identify reasons why it may be upsetting for
activity. Exploring sensory activities.	Identify people who are important to us.	respect to others.	others if we don't wait for our turn.
Showing real interest and investigating objects /	Recognise what is meant by 'family'.	Demonstrate ways of playing and working	Identify some of the qualities our important
resources with intent (Using exploratory	I can follow instructions whilst with several others	cooperatively.	people/friends may have.
behaviours with intent and interest).	I can follow familiar routine	Identify what makes our family, friends, teachers,	Describe positive feelings we may have when we
Expressing the desire to initiate a new activity or	I can join in with familiar activities	carers important to us and who makes up our	spend time with friends and family.
to do something again or something new within	I can demonstrate an understanding of "yes".	wider family.	Identify whom to tell if you need help.
an activity.	I can demonstrate an understanding of "no".	Key Stage 3 – 5:	Explain how other people may feel differently to
	Key Stage 3 – 5:	Recognise own targets.	us about the same situation and offer some
Key Stage 3 – 5:	Point to own target following an adult model	Explore different ways we learn.	examples.
Respond to stimuli about people who are different		Self-care, Support and safety	Identify how to treat ourselves and others with
to us in different ways.	Identify people who look after us and help us to	Recognise things we would call 'personal' and	respect.
Respond to stimuli which depict kindness and	take care of ourselves.	things we would call 'private'.	Explore why name calling/teasing can hurt people
unkindness.	Engage in activities exploring simple ways we can	Explore some of the ways in which we may be	and is unkind.
Respond to stimulus of sensory experiences.	help keep ourselves physically safe in school.	cared for by our families, friends and other adults.	Key Stage 3 – 5:
Self-care, support and safety	Explore different ways that we use to	Recognise some simple self-care techniques (e.g.	Recognise that everyone is unique and special and
Respond to stimuli about the people who look	communicate.	brushing teeth, washing hands, getting dressed	no one should be treated unfairly.
after us and keep us safe	Identify and recognise some personal belongings.	etc.).	Identify the different ways we learn and how we
Respond to stimuli about keeping physically safe.	Engage in activities to develop the awareness of	Explore simple reasons why it is important to help	can be organised in our learning
Respond to stimuli about the different ways we	differences within our bodies.	keep ourselves physically safe.	Identify some examples of different forms of
can communicate with adults in school.	Engage in activities to learn about maintaining	Expresses through different means that they need	prejudice and discrimination we may have
Respond to stimuli about ways of asking for help.	dignity through keeping ourselves private (i.e.	help to complete a task.	seen/heard (e.g. based on religion, gender, age,
Respond to stimuli about what we mean by	shut the toilet door).	Expresses through different means that they may	race, disability, sexual orientation).
keeping a secret and what we mean by surprise.	Engage in physical activities/role play to complete	need help with a problem/unwell.	Explore how what others say and think about us
Respond with curiosity to adult modelling of	simple hygiene routines i.e. wash hands, brush	Engage in activities to explore how important it is	can positively or negatively affect the way we feel.
different ways that people communicate with	teeth.	to tell or show someone if we are worried, afraid	Self-care, Support and safety
each other.	Changing and growing	or sad.	Identify things we can do to look after ourselves.
Respond to stimuli about things that belong to us.	Explores some of the differences between a baby,	Explore places that are public and places that are	Identify things we can do to stay healthy.
Responds to stimuli by what is meant by the word	child and adult.	private.	Identify things we need adult help with.
private.	Experiences correct vocabulary for some of the	Changing and growing	Identify a feeling associated with not feeling safe
Respond to stimuli about things we might do with	main body parts, including genitalia.	Recognise correct vocabulary for main body parts,	(e.g. worried, scared, and frightened).
other people and things we would do on our own.	Engages in life cycles of animals.	including genitalia.	Be able to give a reason why they might feel
Key Stage 3 – 5:	Explore how adults help us with daily care, play, or		unsafe i.e. worried, scared or frightened.

Respond to stimuli about feeling frightened or	to show affection.	female.	Identify trusted adults who can help us if we feel
worried	Explores different relationships i.e. friends, family	Recognise that bodies change as people become	this worried, scared or frightened.
Respond with curiosity to adult modelling of	and teachers/carers.	adults, including the onset of menstruation (when	Recognise the difference between something that
different ways that people communicate with	Identify the people who make up our family.	appropriate).	is private and something that is public.
each other	Explore different types of family.	Recognise who we can talk to about growing and	Demonstrate ways of making it clear to others
Respond to adult modelling about ways to	Explore different forms of physical activity and	changing.	when we need help.
indicate to others that we need help.	exercise.	Recognise some of the ways trusted adults/family	Describe some simple rules for keeping safe near
Respond to stimuli about things that belong to us.	Healthy Lifestyles	members may physically touch us as part of our	water, railways, roads and fire.
Respond to stimuli about what it means to feel	Identify foods we like and dislike.	daily care, during play or to show affection.	Demonstrate some simple first aid procedures
unwell.	Participate in simple daily care and hygiene	Recognise that our bodies belong to us and we	(cuts, nose bleeds, recovery position etc).
Changing and growing	routines	have the right to feel safe.	Recognise that we do not have to trust someone
Respond with curiosity to prompting about	Explore simple safety rules/routines i.e. hot/cold.	Recognise the need to respect other people's	just because they say we should.
babies, what they look like, how they behave,	Explores staying safe in the sun through accepting	bodies and to ask for permission before we touch	Explore the difference between a 'surprise' and a
about how we have changed since we were a	sun lotion, hats, and sunglasses being applied.	them.	'secret'.
baby.	Experience role play of being hurt, unwell, and	Recognise occasions when it might be okay for	Recognise that no adult should ever ask us to keep
Respond with curiosity to adult prompting of the	uncomfortable or in pain and what can be done to	someone to make us feel uncomfortable	a secret but that sometimes we don't tell others
names of body parts and the changes of puberty.	help this.	(injections, cleaning cuts or grazes); that these	about a nice surprise (i.e. birthday party).
Respond with interest to stimuli about different	Match symbols for poorly and tired.	might be when we are unwell, injured or need	Introduce that we should not keep any secret that
kinds of daily physical contact we experience.	Key Stage 3 – 5:	medical treatment.	makes us feel uncomfortable, afraid, worried or
Respond to adult modelling, visual stimuli of how	The world I live in	Recognise other families in school and care may	anxious, no matter who asks us.
to show through our responses if we are	Match simple differences and similarities between	be different from their family.	Identify what is meant by personal space.
unhappy/uncomfortable with the way someone is	people	Key Stage 3 – 5:	Explore the fact that there may be people online
touching us.	Explore some different jobs that people we know	Explore different ways to give permission or	who do not have our best interests at heart.
Respond to stimuli about some of the different	do and match the person to their Job using real	refuse (consent).	Demonstrate what is/is not appropriate to do in a
kinds of relationships that re within families.	Photos.	Healthy Lifestyles	public place; give reasons why this is the case
Key Stage 3 – 5:	Explore simple examples of things we are	Identify different healthy foods.	(include masturbation if appropriate).
Respond with curiosity to stimuli about the ways	allowed/not allowed to do in school (rules).	Participate in physical activities.	Explore the wider circle of friends and what
in which we change as we get older.	Identify simple ways in which we may take care of	Explore how physical activities make us feel.	information you might share with friends,
Respond to stimuli about different kinds of	people and/or animals.	Identify ways of staying safe in the sun.	teachers, family and medical professionals.
friendship.	Identify some different groups that we may	Explore items that make us feel better i.e.	Explore the wider circle of friends and what
Respond to stimuli about romantic relationships.	belong to (e.g. family, school, clubs, faith).	medication, plasters.	information you should not share with friends,
Respond to stimuli about different types of	Explore money (e.g. coins and notes) and what it	Engage in role play activities to explore what goes	teachers, family and medical professionals.
families and different kinds of relationships in	is used for.	on our body and what goes in our body i.e.	Key Stage 3 – 5:
families.	Identify items in shops that are sold for money	medication, injections, plasters, cream etc	Changing and growing
Respond to stimuli about parenthood.	(including online).	Explore the importance of sleep for our bodies.	Name correct vocabulary for main body parts,
Healthy Lifestyles		The world I live in	including genitalia.
Respond to different stimuli about what it means		Identify things that all people have in common.	Identify some of the physical changes that occur
to be healthy.		Explore some differences and similarities between	as we grow up e.g. body height, menstruation and
Respond with curiosity modelling/sensory stimuli		people in terms of ethnicity, culture, religious,	body hair.
about ways we take care of our bodies.		Identity etc. (protected characteristics in the	Identify some of the new opportunities we have
Respond to stimuli about the ways pain can affect		Equality Act 2010).	experienced as we have grown older.

different parts of our body and how we can	Explore some of the ways in which different adults	Exploring what is acceptable and unacceptable,
communicate to someone that we are in pain.	who work in school contribute to school life.	comfortable, uncomfortable, necessary and
Respond with curiosity to stimuli about the people	Identify how rules help us; rules we have in the	unnecessary physical contact.
who help us when we are feeling unwell.	classroom and at home.	Demonstrate ways we can let people who help us
Key Stage 3 – 5:	Give reasons why it is important to take care of	know if we are not comfortable with the way we
Respond to stimuli showing different aspects of a	people, animals and all living things.	are being touched.
healthy lifestyle.	Identify places or situations where money is used	Give examples of different types of relationships
Respond to stimuli about things we like to do that	to pay for things (e.g. shops, cafés, on the	and some of the ways in which we may be cared
make us feel calm and relaxed.	bus/train).	for by our family, friends and other adults who
Respond to stimuli about different types of	Recognise some different ways to pay for things	care for us.
exercise.	(e.g. coins, notes, bankcards, online, phone	Identify trusted adults and whom we can talk to
Respond to stimuli about different kinds of food	payment).	about relationships.
and drink.	Describe some different ways of keeping money	Explore that two people who love and care for
Respond to stimuli showing different images of	safe.	one another can be in a romantic relationship that
young people.		is different from a friendship.
Respond to stimuli about different health		Identify what having or being a friend means and
professionals and how they take care of us (DR's,		some of the key features of positive
nurses)		friendships/relationships and how they make us
Respond to stimuli about how to take care of our		feel.
body.		Identify instances in or out of school when we
The world I live in		might need to seek permission or receive consent.
Respond to stimuli with awareness and curiosity		Healthy Lifestyles
about the physical differences between people.		Identify what foods are healthy and unhealthy.
Respond to stimuli about the different jobs adults		Identify the importance of personal hygiene.
in school do.		Identify different ways to be physically healthy.
Respond to stimuli or adult modelling about the		Explore the importance of sleep.
things we are allowed to do in school.		Identify some symptoms of what you may feel like
Respond to stimuli with about taking care our		when you are unwell.
body.		Recognise that people sometimes need to take
Respond to stimuli about different kinds of		medicines in different forms including, tablet,
physical activity and exercise.		injection and inhaler.
Respond to stimuli about different kinds of food		Explore why we should not take another person's
and drink.		medicines.
Respond to stimuli showing different images of		The world I live in
young people.		Recognise that people who share one
Respond to stimuli about different health		characteristic (e.g. race, religion, gender or
professionals (dress, nurses) and how they take		disability) are all different and unique.
care of us.		Explain that we should never make assumptions
Key Stage 3 – 5:		about people because they belong to a particular
Respond with interest to stimuli about the ways in		group or share a particular characteristic.
which people can be the same and also different.		Describe a range of jobs that people might have

Respond with interest to stimuli about rules and routines there are in school. Respond with curiosity/stimuli to online advertising. Respond with curiosity to stimuli about the natural environment. Respond to stimuli about adult life. Respond to stimuli about the different jobs adults do in school. Respond with curiosity to adult modelling of the uses of money.	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	and the qualities they might need to do them. Identify a job we might like to do in the future. Identify particular rules in school that help to keep us safe and how they do this. Describe our own home and explain how we and family members may take care of it. Describe how being part of a group makes us feel. Identify specific things we take part in as a member of these groups. Identify where we may get money from and for what reasons (e.g. presents from relatives or pocket money from a family member). Identify things we (or adults we know) might spend money on, such as food, clothes and things we need to help us to live. Identify why some ways of keeping money safe might be better than others. Doline Safety Explore simple ways of keeping safe online, such as using passwords or having adult help to access the internet. Identify things that we should never share online without checking with a trusted adult first. Identify some of the ways in which pressure might be put on us by other people, including online. Explain how the inappropriate use of mobile phones can contribute to accidents (looking at phone when crossing the road). Identify how to make safe reliable choices from search results. Greater Depth
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To indicate a basic emotion through sign, symbol	Shows their emotions through actions rather than	Can access a Debrief level 1 with support.	Can access Debrief level 2 with support.
or word.	words/symbols. Requires Debrief Level 1 packs		
	following times of high anxiety	Begins to use Talking Mats in different contexts	Safeguarding foundation levels (to help
Begin to indicate like and dislike through sign,		with motivating themes.	understand situations of possible concern).
symbol or word.	Can access a Talking Mat to identify likes and		
	dislikes with heavy support.	Begins to use the Zones of Regulation with	Begin to use Talking Mats to explore emotions and
Fleetingly participates in a motivational listening		support.	needs.
activity.	Encountering Zones of Regulation with modelling		
	and support.	Uses the symbols/photographs on the choosing	Using Zones of Regulation with less support and
Using a picture, object, symbol or gesture to		boards and offer the student a small choice of	links an emotion to a zone.
request something different or a need.	Make a consistent choice from a selection of two	calming activities with support	
	with support.		Demonstrates clearer understanding of staying
Tolerating sustained periods of a combination of		Begins to independently request daily needs i.e.	healthy and safe.
both 'child led' and 'teacher led' activities.	Follows a Now and Next with support.	toilet, toothbrush.	
			Can identify basic emergency services to support
Listening to stories and playing instruments		Begins to use Storyboards to sequence an event.	us to keep safe.
alongside the story.			
		Begins to recognise sources of help to keep	Follows 4 step task analysis strips.
		themselves safe.	
		Follow a Now and Next without support.	
		Follows 3 step task analysis strips.	

Describe how and where to seek help if we think someone is behaving in a discriminatory way towards us or others. Explore simple constructive strategies for responding to prejudice and discrimination. Describe strategies that can be used if someone is using pressure to persuade us to do something (including Online). Self-care, Support and safety Identify some simple ways we can help to keep ourselves well i.e. exercise, healthy heart, positive mental health etc Identify simple ways some germs/illnesses may be spread; Identify some different responsibilities we may have to help keep ourselves and others safe. Identify when someone might need first aid because they are hurt/injured. Demonstrate why it is important to keep asking for help if our initial requests are not met or understood. Give examples of how others may put us under pressure to do something. Explore what a 'dare' is and what people might say or do if they are 'daring' us. Identify some basic strategies for saying 'no' to pressure or dares. Explore that some actions (e.g. assaulting someone and harassment) are crimes and how we would respond including reporting. Describe how we might feel if our personal belongings are lost or damaged. Explain the importance of respecting others' belongings, privacy and feelings. Changing and growing Identify stage of the human life cycle Explore in greater depth what happens during puberty, including mood swings, emotional changes, menstruation and wet	 if we are worried or unhappy in a friendship or relationship. Key Stage 3 – 5: Describe how it feels to achieve a target. Describe some ways in which our current learning will help us in the future. Explain that how we feel about ourselves (self – esteem) can be affected by what is happening in our lives. Self-care, Support and safety Explain or demonstrate what we and others can do to prevent the spread of germs and why this is important. Evaluate ways of keeping safe in a variety of relevant situations and identify possible risks and hazards in school, care, at home and in the community. Describe some simple strategies for keeping physically safe in situations when we might feel afraid. Recognise what a defibrillator is and when one might be needed. Give examples of some actions that are crimes and how we would respond including reporting. Recognise when a situation is an emergency and explain or demonstrate strategies to resist pressure to behave in inappropriate ways. Explain that no one can be forced to marry someone and this is committing a serious crime no matter who you are or what you say. Demonstrate what we can say and do and where to get help if we have been pressurised, or seen someone else being pressurised, to do something risky. Explain why we must respect the rights of others 	Describe how strong emotions (including sexual attraction) might make people feel. Explain that consent must be sought and freely given before any sexual activity and how to tell if someone is giving or not giving their consent. Recognise that some types of behaviour within relationships are against the law (hitting, hurting someone, telling someone what to do all the time, not allowing someone to make choices). Describe how alcohol/drugs may influence choices we and others make including sexual activity. Explain how the media portrayal of relationships and sex (i.e. TV Shows) may not reflect real life but may affect our expectations. Identify what we can do and whom we can tell if we think someone is being forced to marry someone. The world I live in Key Stage 3 – 5: Explain the influence that fake news can have on people's opinions attitudes towards others and the understanding of the world. Explain how everyday choices can affect the environment positively (reducing, reusing, recycling) and negatively (single use plastic, waste and pollution). Explain what is meant by debt and credit. Identify what we can do if something we buy is faulty and we want to return it (our legal rights). Online Safety Recognise that data about us can be collected online and used for example to determine what information and advertising we are shown. Explain that there are online scams (ways that people might try to trick us online).	sexual partners. Explain that there are laws about legal age of consent for sexual activity. Describe thee choices around pregnancy include abortion. Online Safety Recognise that the portrayal of sex in the media and social media (including pornography) is an unrealistic representation of sexual behaviour a can affect peoples expectations of relationship sex.
-	who may refuse to lend something to us; explain	Identify what some of these ways of deceiving	
dreams/eiaculation, hair growth, skin and voice	who may refuse to lend something to us, explain	Identify what some of these ways of deceiving	

Lieghthy Lifestyles	the law i.e. hitting someone, hurting someone and telling them what to do all the time.	
Healthy Lifestyles	_	
Explain what it means to eat a healthy balanced	Healthy Lifestyles	
diet.	Describe which foods we should only eat	
Explore that some people may not be able to eat	occasionally and explain why eating too much of	
certain foods because it will make them ill	them can harm our health.	
allergies).	Explain why it is important to take care of our	
Describe what might happen if we do not take	bodies both now and in the future.	
care of our personal hygiene.	Describe and suggest ways to manage sleep	
Explain some of the benefits of exercise, food and	patterns and things that can disrupt it.	
rest.	Recognise how spending excessive time on	
dentify what might happen to our bodied if we	electronic devices can affect sleep, mental and	
don't protect them from over exposure to the	physical wellbeing.	
sun.	Describe reasons about why there are rules about	
Recognise and give examples of the difference	what we can and should not put inside our bodies	
petween someone who can give us	Identify some side effects of substances that are	
medicines/drugs and someone who cannot.	not meant for children to consume e.g. alcohol.	
Describe that sometimes we may be given an	u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u u	
njection by a doctor or nurse to help to prevent	Explain that no one should ever make us or try	
us from catching a disease (vaccination).	and persuade us to drink alcohol, smoke, taste or	
Explore how smoking and drinking alcohol can	swallow anything we are not sure is safe or is	
affect people's health.	against our wishes and we have a right to say no.	
dentify who you can talk to if you are worried	Identify simple strategies that we can use if we	
about your health.	are offered a cigarette, alcohol or other type of	
Explore things that stop us sleeping well.	substance.	
Key Stage 3 – 5:		
The world I live in	Key Stage 3 – 5:	
dentify possible reasons for why some people	Identify how misusing substances/alcohol may	
night be rude or unkind towards others because	impact on relationships/friendships.	
they are 'different' (prejudiced) and treat them	Explain long term personal and social risks of	
unfairly because of it (discriminate).	substance misuse.	
, , , ,	Identify reliable sources of support or advice if we	
Give reasons why it is always unacceptable to be	are worried about ourselves or someone else in	
rude or unkind towards other people; identify	relation to substance misuse.	
whom we could talk to if we experienced or	The world I live in	
observed this.		
dentify jobs people do in the wider community	Recognise that we may sometimes hear or read	
that can help in an emergency (fire-fighters,	something that is rude and unkind about other	
police, ambulance staff, hospital staff); explain	people and explain ways we can safely respond,	
now the community is helped through the work	including how to report it.	
they do.	Explain why we should not call emergency	

Explain how rules and laws help us to live and	services for a joke or a dare; describe the possible	
work with other people outside of school.	impact this might have on ourselves or others.	
Explain how we can take care of our school environment.	Recognise how strengths, qualities and things we	
Explain the importance of routines in taking care	learn in school might link to possible future jobs.	
of people or pets.	Identify what might happen if we did not have	
Describe what it means to be part of a	rules and laws or if people ignored them.	
community.	Explain what might happen if the wider	
Identify different groups that make up our	environment is not taken care of (e.g. litter,	
community.	graffiti, vandalism, pollution).	
Identify what is meant by a 'need' and a 'want' in	Explain how it feels to be part of a community.	
relation to spending money.	Suggest ways we can help people to feel welcome	
Give some simple examples of what might be a	in the different groups and communities we	
'need' and a 'want'.	belong to.	
Explain what it means to save money and why we	Explain what is meant by the term 'afford' (in the	
might do it.	context of money).	
Key Stage 3 – 5:	Identify possible consequences of losing money	
Describe what is meant by rights and	on ourselves or others; whom to go to or how to	
responsibilities.	seek help if this happens to us.	
Explain that different cultures and faith groups	Key Stage 3 – 5:	
have the right to practice their customs and beliefs within British law.	Recognise that everyone has human rights and	
	that the law protects these rights.	
Online safety		
Be able to express concerns when using social		
media		
Explain how other people's identity online can be		
different to what it actually is in real life.		
Explain how to respond if we're not sure if		
someone online is who they say they are.		
Identify practical strategies to ensure our privacy		
and that of others including taking care and		
wellbeing when engaging in social media. Identify safe and unsafe situations when using		
social media		
Identify what we should do before we		
lacitity what we should do before we		
like, forward or share on social media		
and how this helps keep us safe online.		

Key Stage 3 – 5: Recognise that advertising online is targeted at individuals. Recognise that not everything we see or read online is trustworthy, that some things that are			
written about are not real and fake.			
Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth	Greater Depth
Can access Debrief level 3 to discuss how an event has made us and others feel and what has happened. Begin to use Talking Mats to explore events and activities and talk about what they liked and disliked. Describe ways we can safely challenge unwanted physical contact and ask for help. Can express more complex emotions and use the Zones of Regulation appropriately. Sequences scenarios of up to three photos/pictures.	Can access Debrief level 3 and comic strip conversations to discuss events and emotions. Explain ways of safely responding if we experience or witness unacceptable behaviours. Identify some of the terms that are used to describe when someone is emotionally/mentally unwell. Recognise that there are special rules (laws) around the selling and consumption of nicotine and alcohol and why they exist. Sequences scenarios of up to four/five pictures	Can access Debrief level 3/4 and comic strip conversations to discuss events and emotions. Identify people and organisations that can provide reliable support and advice if we are physically or mentally unwell. Identify how saying yes under pressure is not consent and is not the same as freely given enthusiastic consent. Describe different sources of support regarding relationships, sex and sexual health and how to access them. Sequences scenarios.	Can access Debrief level 4 and comic strip conversations to discuss events and emotions. Identify who to go to if you have concerns about FGM. Identify some strategies, game apps or advertisi might use to encourage online gambling and chance based purchases (loot boxes). Identify where and from whom to get help with gambling if we are worried about ourselves or others. Identify where and how to obtain condoms and use them safely. Explain how and when to access sexual health services.

Appendix 2: By the end of primary school learners should know

TOPIC	LEARNERS SHOULD KNOW
Families and	That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability
people who care about me	• The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives
	• That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care
	• That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up. Families of many forms provide a nurturing environment for children (families can include for example, single parent families, LGBTQ+ parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures)
	• That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong
	How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed
Caring	How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends
friendships	• The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties
	• That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded
	• That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right
	• How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed

TOPIC	LEARNERS SHOULD KNOW			
Respectful relationships	• The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs			
	Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships			
	The conventions of courtesy and manners			
	The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness			
	• That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority			
	• About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help			
	What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive			
	The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults			
Online relationships	That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not			
	• That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous			
	• The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them			
	• How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met			
	How information and data is shared and used online			
Being safe	What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)			
	• About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe			
	• That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact			
	 How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult 			
	 How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard 			
	 How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so 			
	 Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources 			

TOPIC	LEARNERS SHOULD KNOW
Families	That there are different types of committed, stable relationships
	How these relationships might contribute to human happiness and their importance for bringing up children
	• What marriage is, including their legal status e.g. that marriage carries legal rights and protections not available to couples who are cohabiting or who have married, for example, in an unregistered religious ceremony
	Why marriage is an important relationship choice for many couples and why it must be freely entered into
	The characteristics and legal status of other types of long-term relationships
	• The roles and responsibilities of parents with respect to raising of children, including the characteristics of successful parenting
	• How to: determine whether other children, adults or sources of information are trustworthy: judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe (and to recognise this in others' relationships); and, how to seek help or advice, including reporting concerns about others, if needed
Respectful relationships, including	• The characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (in all contexts, including online) including: trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes differen (non-sexual) types of relationship
friendships	Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships
	• How stereotypes, in particular stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, LGBTQ+ or disability, can cause damage (e.g. how they might normalise non-consensual behaviour or encourage prejudice)
	• That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including people in positions of authority and due tolerance of other people's beliefs
	• About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying and how and where to get help
	• That some types of behaviour within relationships are criminal, including violent behaviour and coercive control
	What constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable
	• The legal rights and responsibilities regarding equality (particularly with reference to the protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010) and that everyone is unique and equal

Appendix 2: By the end of secondary school learners should know

TOPIC	LEARNERS SHOULD KNOW
Online and media	• Their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online
	• About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online
	• Not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them
	What to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online
	The impact of viewing harmful content
	• That specifically sexually explicit material e.g. pornography presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners
	• That sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail
	How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online
Being safe	• The concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and FGM, and how these can affect current and future relationships
	• How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)

TOPIC	LEARNERS SHOULD KNOW
Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health	 How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship
	• That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing
	• The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women
	• That there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others
	That they have a choice to delay sex or to enjoy intimacy without sex
	The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available
	The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage
	• That there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help)
	• How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing
	About the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment
	How the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour
	• How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment

Appendix 3: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS				
Name of child		Class		
Name of parent		Date		
Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education				
Any other information you would like the school to consider				
Parent signature				

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL

Agreed actions from discussion with parents	

Useful Links:

Statutory guidance: Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education:

Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

SEND Code of Practice:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/398815/SE ND_Code_of_Practice_January_2015.pdf

Online safety

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-online-safety-in-schools

NSPCC

https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/schools/relationships-health-and-sex-education-resources

Safeguarding Network

https://safeguarding.network/content/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rseand-health-education-and-safeguarding/

Let's Talk About It

https://www.letstalkaboutit.nhs.uk/