



Cherry Tree Hill Primary School

Relationships and Health Education Policy

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Vision

By the time our children leave Cherry Tree they will have the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy and independent lives. They will be able to make well informed healthy lifestyle choices and will know how to keep safe, which will support and impact on their positive relationship choices and mental well-being. Children will understand how they are developing personally and socially. They will have the understanding that through their learning journey in this subject they will learn how to tackle many of the moral, social and cultural issues they will face in the current world. Children will continue to build upon their resilience and determination to never give up and to celebrate their achievements at every step along the way.

Safeguarding Statement

We believe every pupil should be able to participate in school activities in a safe environment and be protected from harm. This is the responsibility of every adult employed by, or invited to deliver services at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School. Our policies are developed from the DFE guidance document 'Keeping Children Safe in Education (Sept 2020)

We recognise that child abuse is an emotive subject and therefore it is important to understand the feeling involved and not to allow them to interfere with any judgement or action that must be taken. We understand our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our pupils and adults by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional abuse, neglect and bullying.

Statement of intent

At Cherry Tree Hill Primary School, we will provide age-appropriate relationships and health education (RHE) to all pupils as part of the school's statutory curriculum. Our school aims to assure parents and pupils that all aspects of RHE will be delivered in a safe space, allowing time and compassion for questions at a level that every pupil understands. Sensitive topics relating to RHE will be delivered in a sensitive manner as part of a whole-school approach where parents and teachers work in partnership.

RHE is compulsory in all primary schools in England. The key topics applicable for all key stages have been carefully planned in consultation with responses from parents, young people, schools and experts. Parents are given the opportunity to discuss this policy at any time and staff will be provided with accurate training and further resources to deliver lessons to pupils.

We understand that pupils must be provided with an education that prepares them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. A key part of this relates to relationships education, which is required to be delivered to every primary-aged pupil. Primary schools also have the option to decide whether pupils are taught sex education.

Relationships education focusses on giving pupils the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships, and ensures can talk to a trusted adult if there is anything worrying them. Health education focusses on equipping pupils with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their own health and ensures

they receive factual information about the changes they will experience emotionally and physically during puberty.

We understand our responsibility to deliver a high-quality, age-appropriate and evidence-based relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) for all our pupils. This policy sets out the framework for our RSHE curriculum, providing clarity on how it is informed, organised and delivered. Any sex education included within the curriculum consists of age-appropriate content which covers how babies are conceived and how they are born. Sex education does not go above and beyond the focus of reproduction. State-funded primary schools are also required to teach health education.

1. Legal framework

This policy has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Section 80A of the Education Act 2002
- Equality Act 2010
- Children and Social Work Act 2017
- The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019
- DfE (2013) 'Science programmes of study: key stages 1 and 2'
- DfE (2019) 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education'
- DfE (2021) 'Teaching about relationships, sex and health'
- DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education 2023'

This policy operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- SEND Policy
- Inclusion Policy
- Pupil Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Staff Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Child-on-child Abuse Policy
- Pupil Confidentiality Policy
- Anti-bullying Policy
- Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Visitor Policy
- School Improvement Plan (SIP)

2. Key roles and responsibilities

The governing board is responsible for:

- Playing an active role in monitoring, developing and reviewing the policy and its implementation in school.
- Appointing a link governor for RHE who supports the school and monitors any aspects of RHE included within the SIP.

- Ensuring all pupils make progress in achieving the expected educational outcomes.
- Ensuring the curriculum is well led, effectively managed and well planned.
- Evaluating the quality of provision through regular and effective self-evaluation.
- Ensuring teaching is delivered in ways that are accessible to all pupils with SEND.
- Providing clear information for parents on subject content and their rights to request that their children are withdrawn.
- Making sure the subjects are resourced, staffed and timetabled in a way that ensures the school can fulfil its legal obligations.
- Creating and keeping up-to-date a separate written statement of this policy and ensuring the statement is published on the school's website and provided free of charge to anyone who requests it.
- Ensuring that all staff receive ongoing training on issues relating to PSHE and RHE and how to deliver lessons on such issues.
- Ensuring that all staff are up to date with policy changes, and familiar with school policy and guidance relating to RHE.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Ensuring adequate time on school timetable to deliver RHE as a statutory curriculum subject.
- Providing support to staff members who feel uncomfortable or ill-equipped to deal with the delivery of RHE to pupils; for example, if staff do not feel that their training has been adequate or that aspects of the curriculum conflict with their religious beliefs.
- Ensuring that parents are fully informed of this policy and the RHE resources are available to parents beforehand.
- Reviewing requests from parents to withdraw their children from the subjects.
- Discussing requests for withdrawal with parents.
- Organising alternative education for pupils, where necessary, that is appropriate and purposeful.
- Reporting to the governing board on the effectiveness of this policy.
- Reviewing this policy on an annual basis.

The RHE subject leader is responsible for:

- Overseeing the delivery of the subjects.
- Ensuring that staff values and attitudes will not prevent them from providing a balanced RHE in school.
- Providing the agreed vocabulary to be used during the lessons to ensure a consistent approach.
- Ensuring the subjects are age-appropriate and high-quality and up-to-date.
- Ensuring teachers are provided with adequate resources to support teaching of the subjects.
- Ensuring the school meets its statutory requirements in relation to the relationships, and health curriculum.
- Ensuring the relationships and health curriculum, as well as any optional sex education, is inclusive and accessible for all pupils.

- Working with other subject leaders to ensure the relationships and health curriculum complements, but does not duplicate, the content covered in the national curriculum.
- Liaising and working in partnership with parents and carers to support further conversations at home and to share the resources ahead of teaching upon request.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the subjects and providing reports to the headteacher.

The SENCO is responsible for:

- Advising teaching staff how best to identify and support pupils' individual needs.
- Advising staff on the use of TAs in order to meet pupils' individual needs.
- Ensuring that the needs of vulnerable pupils are taken into consideration in designing and teaching these subjects.

Teachers are responsible for:

- Delivering a high-quality and age-appropriate relationships and health curriculum in line with statutory requirements.
- Using a variety of teaching methods and resources to provide an engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils.
- Ensuring they do not express personal views or beliefs when delivering the programme.
- Modelling positive attitudes to relationships, sex and health.
- Responding to any safeguarding concerns in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.
- Acting in accordance with planning, monitoring and assessment requirements for the subjects.
- Liaising with the SENCO to identify and respond to individual needs of pupils with SEND.
- Working with the RHE subject leader to evaluate the quality of provision.

All teachers at Cherry Tree Hill Primary School deliver RHE Sessions.

Parents are responsible for:

- Enabling their children to grow and mature and to form healthy relationships.
- Supporting their children through their personal development and the emotional and physical aspects of growing up.
- Ensuring that they are aware of aspects of the curriculum, including when it is going to be delivered and the content.
- Supporting their children's personal, social and emotional development, by working with the school to create an open home environment where pupils can engage, discuss and continue to learn about matters that have been raised through school PSHE.
- Seeking additional support in this from the school where they feel it is needed.

3. Organisation of the curriculum

Every primary school is required to deliver statutory relationships education and health education. The delivery of the relationships education and of health education coincide with one another and will be delivered as part of the school's PSHE curriculum.

For the purpose of this policy:

- **"Relationships education"** is defined as teaching pupils about healthy, respectful relationships, focussing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online.
- **"Health education"** is defined as teaching pupils about physical health and mental wellbeing, focussing on recognising the link between the two and being able to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- **"Sex education"** is defined as teaching pupils about developing healthy sexuality, and will cover issues, beyond those covered in the science and health curricula, that will be determined in response to the needs of the relevant cohort.

The relationships and health curriculum takes into account the views of teachers, pupils and parents. The school has organised a curriculum that is appropriate for the age and developmental stages of pupils within each year group. When organising the curriculum, the religious backgrounds of all pupils will be considered, so that the topics that are covered are taught appropriately.

We are dedicated to ensuring our curriculum meets the needs of the whole-school community; therefore, the curriculum is informed by issues in the school and wider community to ensure it is tailored to pupils' needs. For example, if there were to be a local prevalence of specific sexually transmitted infections, our curriculum would be tailored to address this issue.

We consult with parents, pupils and staff in the following ways:

- Questionnaires and surveys
- Focus groups
- Meetings
- Training sessions
- Newsletters and letters

Any parent, teacher or pupil wishing to provide feedback about the curriculum can do so at any time during the academic year by:

- Organising a meeting with the headteacher.
- Emailing admin@cherrytreehill.odysseyct.org.uk
- Submitting written feedback into the suggestions box in the school office.

4. Consultation with parents

The school understands the important role parents play in enhancing their children's understanding of relationships and health and how important parents' views are in shaping the curriculum. The school will provide parents with frequent opportunities to understand and ask questions about the school's approach to RHE.

The school will consult closely with parents when reviewing the content of the school's RHE curriculum and will give them regular opportunities to voice their opinions. The school will use the views of parents to inform decisions made about the curriculum content and delivery; however, parents will not be granted a 'veto' on curriculum content, and all final decisions will be made by school. The school will permit parents access to all curriculum materials and the school will not enter into contracts with outside providers that seek to prevent parents from seeing materials.

Parents will be provided with the following information:

- The content of the relationships and health curriculum
- The delivery of the relationships and health curriculum, including what is taught in each year group
- The legalities surrounding withdrawing their child from the subjects
- The resources that will be used to support the curriculum

The school will work closely with parents in reviewing the sex education curriculum and will consult with them annually with regard to what is covered.

The school aims to build positive relationships with parents by inviting them into school to discuss what will be taught, address any concerns, and help parents in managing conversations with their children on the issues covered by the curriculum. Parents will also be consulted in the review of this policy and encouraged to provide their views at any time.

5. Relationships education overview

Families and people who care for me

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- That families are important for them growing up because they can give love, security and stability.
- 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.
- 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 friendships

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends.
- 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, but 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.
- How to manage conflict.
- How to manage different situations and how to seek help from others if needed.

Respectful relationships

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them, make different choices, or have different preferences or beliefs.
- Which 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 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 the different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying to an adult, and how to seek help.
- What a stereotype is, and how they can be unfair, negative or destructive.
- The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults.

Online relationships

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- That people sometimes behave differently online, including 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, even when we are anonymous.
- The rules and principles for keeping safe online.
- How to recognise harmful content and contact online, and how to report these.
- How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information.
- The risks associated with people they have never met.
- How information and data is shared and used online.

Being safe

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- 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.
- 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, including online, who 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 and 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 seek advice, for example, from their family, their school and other sources.

6. Relationships education per year group

The school is free to determine, within the statutory curriculum content outlined in Section 5 what pupils are taught during each year group.

The school always considers the age and development of pupils when deciding what will be taught in each year group. The school implements a progressive curriculum, in which topics are built upon prior knowledge taught in previous years as pupils progress through school, with a view to providing a smooth transition to secondary school.

Nursery

- Talks about the impact that their actions may have on another individual.
- Talks freely about social groups that they belong to e.g. family, brownies, swimming club.
- Shows some attachment to friends or adults in the setting e.g. wanting to stay close to them.
- Uses basic language or gesture to ask someone to play with them e.g. handing them a toy or saying "let's go".

Reception

- Understands the feelings of others and begins to regulate own behaviour to reflect other's feelings.
- Aware of similarities and differences between themselves and in others.
- Becomes flexible when sharing resources, mostly independently e.g. handing resources to others.
- Build up and extend play ideas with one other child, adding to each other's ideas.
- Being involved in part of the community e.g. celebrates their house getting a house point or getting a class merit.
- Talk with others about ways to solve conflicts e.g. you can have a turn in 5 minutes.

- Build up and extend play ideas with more than one child involved.
- Build friendships that are respectful and constructive with both adults and peers.
- Shows understanding to their own and other's needs.
- Take turns and play cooperatively with others including adults and peers.

Year 1

- I can recognise how being healthy helps me to feel happy. I know how it feels to belong to a family and care about the people who are important to me.
- I can identify what being a good friend means to me. I know how to make a new friend.
- I know appropriate ways of physical contact to greet my friends and know which ways I prefer. I can recognise which forms of physical contact are acceptable and unacceptable to me.
- I know who can help me in my school community. I know when I need help and know how to ask for it.
- I can recognise my qualities as person and a friend. I know ways to praise myself.
- I can tell you why I appreciate someone who is special to me. I can express how I feel about them.

Year 2

- I can identify the different members of my family, understand my relationship with each of them and know why it is important to share and cooperate. I accept that everyone's family is different and understand that most people value their family
- I understand that there are lots of forms of physical contact within a family and that some of this is acceptable and some is not. know which types of physical contact I like and don't like and can talk about this
- I can identify some of the things that cause conflict with my friends. I can demonstrate how to use the positive problem-solving technique to resolve conflicts with my friends
- I understand that sometimes it is good to keep a secret and sometimes it is not good to keep a secret. I know how it feels to be asked to keep a secret I do not want to keep and know who to talk to about this
- I recognise and appreciate people who can help me in my family, my school and my community. I understand how it feels to trust someone
- I can express my appreciation for the people in my special relationships. I am comfortable accepting appreciation from others

Year 3

- I can identify the roles and responsibilities of each member of my family and can reflect on the experiences for males and females. I can describe how taking some responsibility in my family makes me feel.
- I can identify and put into practice some of the skills of friendship e.g. taking turns, being a good listener. I know how to negotiate in conflict situations to try to find a win-win solution
- I know and can use some strategies for keeping myself safe online. I know who to ask for help if I am worried or concerned about anything online.

- . I can explain how some of the actions and work of people around the world help and influence my life. I can show an awareness of how this could affect my choices.
- I understand how my needs and rights are shared by children around the world and can identify how our lives may be different. I can empathise with children whose lives are different to mine and appreciate what I may learn from them.
- I know how to express my appreciation to my friends and family. I enjoy being part of a family and friendship groups.

Year 4

- I can recognise situations which can cause jealousy in relationships I can identify feelings associated with jealousy and suggest strategies to problem-solve when this happens
- I can identify someone I love and can express why they are special to me I know how most people feel when they lose someone or something they love.
- I can tell you about someone I know that I no longer see I understand that we can remember people even if we no longer see them
- I can recognise how friendships change, know how to make new friends and how to manage when I fall out with my friends I know how to stand up for myself and how to negotiate and compromise
- I understand what having a boyfriend/ girlfriend might mean and that it is a special relationship for when I am older I understand that boyfriend/girlfriend relationships are personal and special, and there is no need to feel pressurised into having a boyfriend/ girlfriend
- I know how to show love and appreciation to the people and animals who are special to me I can love and be loved

Year 5

- I have an accurate picture of who I am as a person in terms of my characteristics and personal qualities. I know how to keep building my own self esteem
- I understand that belonging to an online community can have positive and negative consequences. I can recognise when an online community feels unsafe or uncomfortable to me.
- I understand there are rights and responsibilities in an online community or social network. I can recognise when an online community is helpful or unhelpful to me.
- I know there are rights and responsibilities when playing a game online. I can recognise when an online game is becoming unhelpful or unsafe.
- I can recognise when I am spending too much time using devices (screen time). I can identify things I can do to reduce screen time, so my health isn't affected.
- I can explain how to stay safe when using technology to communicate with my friends. I can recognise and resist pressures to use technology in ways that may be risky or may cause harm to myself or others

Year 6

- I know that it is important to take care of my mental health. I understand that people can get problems with their mental health and that is nothing to be ashamed of.
- I know how to take care of my mental health. I can help myself and others when worried about a mental health problem.
- I understand that there are three different stages of grief and that there are different types of loss that cause people to grieve. I can recognise when I am feeling those emotions and have strategies to manage them.
- I can recognise when people are trying to gain power or control. I can demonstrate ways I could stand up for myself and my friends in situations where others are trying to gain power or control.
- I can judge whether something online is safe or helpful for me. I can resist pressure to do something online that might hurt myself.
- I can use technology positively and safely to communicate with my friends and family. I can take responsibility for my own safety and well-being.

7. Health education overview

The focus at primary level is teaching the characteristics of good physical health and mental wellbeing.

Mental wellbeing

By the end of primary school pupils will know:

- That mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.
- That there is a normal range of emotions, e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise and nervousness.
- The scale of emotions that humans experience in response to different experiences and situations.
- How to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings.
- How to judge whether what they are feeling, and how they are behaving, is appropriate and proportionate.
- The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, and voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness.
- Simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family, and the benefits of hobbies and interests.
- How isolation and loneliness can affect children, and that it is very important they seek support and discuss their feelings with an adult.
- That bullying, including cyberbullying, has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing.
- Where and how to seek support, including recognising the triggers for seeking support, extending to who in school they should speak to if they are worried about themselves or others.

- That it is common to experience mental ill health and, for the many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough.

Internet safety and harms

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- That for most people, the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits.
- About the benefits of rationing time spent online.
- The risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices.
- The impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing.
- How to consider the effect of their online actions on others.
- How to recognise and display respectful behaviour online.
- The importance of keeping personal information private.
- Why some social media, some computer games and online gaming are age-restricted.
- That the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health.
- How to be a discerning consumer of information online, including understanding that information, inclusive of that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted.
- Where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online.

Physical health and fitness

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- The characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle.
- The importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this, for example by walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile, or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise.
- The risks associated with an inactive lifestyle, including obesity.
- How and when to seek support, including which adults to speak to in school, if they are worried about their health.

Healthy eating

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- What constitutes a healthy diet, including an understanding of calories and other nutritional content.
- The principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals.
- The characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating, including obesity, and other behaviours, e.g. the impact of alcohol on health.

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

By the end of primary school, pupils will know the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.

Health and prevention

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- How to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss or unexplained changes to the body.
- About safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer.
- The importance of sufficient good-quality sleep for good health, and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn.
- About dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist.
- About personal hygiene and germs, including bacteria and viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of hand washing.
- The facts and science relating to immunisation and vaccination.

Basic first aid

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- How to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary.
- Concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries.

Changing adolescent body

By the end of primary school, pupils will know:

- Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11, including physical and emotional changes.
- About menstrual wellbeing and key facts relating to the menstrual cycle.

8. Health education per year group

The school is free to determine, within the statutory curriculum content outlined in section 7, what pupils are taught during each year group.

The school always considers the age and development of pupils when deciding what will be taught in each year group. The school implements a progressive curriculum, in which topics are built upon prior knowledge taught in previous years as pupils progress through school, with a view to providing a smooth transition to secondary school.

Nursery

- Moves around and physically explores using hands and feet.
- Imitate sounds and expressions as they are mirrored by an adult.
- Expresses some needs such as drink, sleep, eat or hot using gestures and words.

- Demonstrating confidence and self – esteem in taking risks and trying new things with peers or adult support.

Reception

- Demonstrating confidence and self – esteem in taking risks and trying new things with peers or adult support.
- Uses a knife and fork to feed themselves mostly independently
- Manages to dress self and knows the importance of making healthy food choices.
- Knows right from wrong and tries to behave accordingly and can explain the reason for some rules.
- Show some resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges.

Year 1

- I understand the difference between being healthy and unhealthy, and know some ways to keep myself healthy. I feel good about myself when I make healthy choices
- I understand the difference between being healthy and unhealthy, and know some ways to keep myself healthy. I feel good about myself when I make healthy choices. I know how to make healthy lifestyle choices. I feel good about myself when I make healthy choices.
- I know how to keep myself clean and healthy, and understand how germs cause disease/illness. I know that all household products including medicines can be harmful if not used properly. I am special so I keep myself safe.
- I understand that medicines can help me if I feel poorly and I know how to use them safely. I know some ways to help myself when I feel poorly.
- I know how to keep safe when crossing the road, and about people who can help me to stay safe. I can recognise when I feel frightened and know who to ask for help.
- I can tell you why I think my body is amazing and can identify some ways to keep it safe and healthy. I can recognise how being healthy helps me to feel happy.

Year 2

- I know what I need to keep my body healthy. I am motivated to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- I can show or tell you what relaxed means. I can tell you when a feeling is weak and when a feeling is strong
- I understand how medicines work in my body and how important it is to use them safely. I feel positive about caring for my body and keeping it healthy.
- I can sort foods into the correct food groups and know which foods my body needs every day to keep me healthy. I have a healthy relationship with food and know which foods I enjoy the most.

- I can make some healthy snacks and explain why they are good for my body. I can express how it feels to share healthy food with my friends.
- I can decide which foods to eat to give my body energy. I have a healthy relationship with food and I know which foods are most nutritious for my body.

Year 3

- I understand how exercise affects my body and know why my heart and lungs are such important organs. I can set myself a fitness challenge
- I know that the amount of calories, fat and sugar I put into my body will affect my health. I know what it feels like to make a healthy choice.
- I can tell you my knowledge and attitude towards drugs. I can identify how I feel towards drugs.
- I can identify things, people and places that I need to keep safe from. I can express how being anxious or scared feels. I know some strategies for keeping myself safe, who to go to for help and how to call emergency services
- I can identify when something feels safe or unsafe. I can take responsibility for keeping myself and others safe.
- I understand how complex my body is and how important it is to take care of it. I respect my body and appreciate what it does for me.

Year 4

- I recognise how different friendship groups are formed, how I fit into them and the friends I value the most I can identify the feelings I have about my friends and my different friendship group
- I understand there are people who take on the roles of leaders or followers in a group, and I know the role I take on in different situations I am aware of how different people and groups impact on me and can recognise the people I most want to be friends with
- I understand the facts about smoking and its effects on health, and also some of the reasons some people start to smoke I can recognise negative feelings in peer pressure situations (such as embarrassment, shame, inadequacy and guilt) and know how to act assertively to resist pressure from myself and others
- I understand the facts about alcohol and its effects on health, particularly the liver, and also some of the reasons some people drink alcohol I can recognise negative feelings in peer pressure situations (such as embarrassment, shame, inadequacy and guilt) and know how to act assertively to resist pressure from myself and others

- I can recognise when people are putting me under pressure and can explain ways to resist this when I want I can identify feelings of anxiety and fear associated with peer pressure
- I know myself well enough to have a clear picture of what I believe is right and wrong. I can tap into my inner strength.

Year 5

- I know the health risks of smoking and can tell you how tobacco affects the lungs, liver and heart. I can make an informed decision about whether or not I choose to smoke and know how to resist pressure.
- I know some of the risks with misusing alcohol, including anti-social behaviour, and how it affects the liver and heart. I can make an informed decision about whether or not I choose to drink alcohol and know how to resist pressure.
- I know and can put into practice basic emergency aid procedures (including recovery position) and know how to get help in emergency situations I know how to keep myself calm in emergencies.
- I understand how the media, social media and celebrity culture promotes certain body types. I can reflect on my own body image and know how important it is that this is positive and I accept and respect myself for who I am.
- I can describe the different roles food can play in people's lives and can explain how people can develop eating problems (disorders) relating to body image pressures. I respect and value my body.
- I know what makes a healthy lifestyle including healthy eating and the choices I need to make to be healthy and happy I am motivated to keep myself healthy and happy.

Year 6

- I can take responsibility for my health and make choices that benefit my health and well-being. I am motivated to care for my physical and emotional health.
- I know about different types of drugs and their uses and their effects on the body particularly the liver and heart. I am motivated to find ways to be happy and cope with life's situations without using drugs.
- I understand that some people can be exploited and made to do things that are against the law. I can suggest ways that someone who is being exploited can help themselves.
- I know why some people join gangs and the risks this involves. I can suggest strategies someone could use to avoid being pressured.
- I understand what it means to be emotionally well and can explore people's attitudes towards mental health/illness. I know how to help myself feel emotionally healthy and can recognise when I need help with this.

- I can recognise stress and the triggers that cause this and I understand how stress can cause drug and alcohol misuse. I can use different strategies to manage stress and pressure.

9. Sex education

All pupils must be taught the aspects of sex education outlined in the primary science curriculum – this includes teaching about the main external parts of the human body, how it changes as it grows from birth to old age, including puberty, and the reproductive process in some plants and animals.

The school is free to determine whether pupils should be taught sex education beyond what is required of the national curriculum. At our school, we do teach pupils sex education beyond what is required of the science curriculum.

Parents are fully consulted in the organisation and delivery of our sex education curriculum, in accordance with section 3 and section 4 of this policy. Parents are given the opportunity to advise on what should be taught through sex education.

The age and development of pupils is always considered when delivering sex education.

Year 1

- I am starting to understand the lifestyle of animals and humans. I understand that changes happen as we grow and that this is OK.
- I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same. I know that changes are OK and that sometimes they will happen whether I want them to or not.
- I can tell you how my body has changed since I was a baby. I understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates.
- I can identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and can use the correct names for these: penis, testicles, vagina, vulva, anus. I respect my body and understand which parts are private.
- I understand that every time I learn something new I change a little bit. I enjoy learning new things.
- I can tell you about changes that have happened in my life. I know some ways to cope with changes.

Year 2

- I can recognise cycles of life in nature. I understand there are some changes that are outside my control and can recognise how I feel about this
- I can tell you about the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is not in my control. I can identify people I respect who are older than me.
- I can recognise how my body has changed since I was a baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old. I feel proud about becoming more independent.

- I can recognise the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, anus, testicles, vagina, vulva) and appreciate that some parts of my body are private. I can tell you what I like/don't like about being a boy/girl.
- I understand there are different types of touch and can tell you which ones I like and don't like. I am confident to say what I like and don't like and can ask for help.
- I can identify what I am looking forward to when I move to my next class. I can start to think about changes I will make when I am in Year 3 and know how to go about this.

Year 3

- I understand that in animals and humans lots of changes happen between conception and growing up, and that usually it is the female who has the baby. I can express how I feel when I see babies or baby animals.
- I understand how babies grow and develop in the mother's uterus. I understand what a baby needs to live and grow. I can express how I might feel if I had a new baby in my family.
- I understand that boys' and girls' bodies need to change so that when they grow up their bodies can make babies I can identify how boys' and girls' bodies change on the outside during this growing up process. I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with those feelings.
- I can identify how boys' and girls' bodies change on the inside during the growing up process and can tell you why these changes are necessary so that their bodies can. I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with these feelings.
- I can start to recognise stereotypical ideas I might have about parenting and family roles. I can express how I feel when my ideas are challenged and might be willing to change my ideas sometimes.
- I can identify what I am looking forward to when I move to my next class. I can start to think about changes I will make next year and know how to go about this

Year 4

- I understand that some of my personal characteristics have come from my birth parents and that this happens because I am made from the joining of their egg and sperm. I appreciate that I am a truly unique human being
- . I can correctly label the internal and external parts of male and female bodies that are necessary for making a baby
- I understand that having a baby is a personal choice and can express how I feel about having children when I am an adult
- I can describe how a girl's body changes in order for her to be able to have babies when she is an adult, and that menstruation (having periods) is a

natural part of this I have strategies to help me cope with the physical and emotional changes I will experience during puberty

- I know how the circle of change works and can apply it to changes I want to make in my life I am confident enough to try to make changes when I think they will benefit me
- I can identify changes that have been and may continue to be outside of my control that I learnt to accept I can express my fears and concerns
- about changes that are outside of my control and know how to manage these feelings positively
- I can identify what I am looking forward to when I move to a new class I can reflect on the changes I would like to make next year and can describe how to go about this

Year 5

- I am aware of my own self-image and how my body image fits into that. I know how to develop my own self esteem.
- I can explain how a girl's body changes during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally. I understand that puberty is a natural process that happens to everybody and that it will be ok for me.
- I can describe how boys' and girls' bodies change during puberty. I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty.
- I understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception and that is how babies are usually made. I also understand that sometimes people need IVF to help them have a baby. I appreciate how amazing it is that human bodies can reproduce in these ways.
- I can identify what I am looking forward to about becoming a teenager and understand this brings growing responsibilities (age of consent). I am confident that I can cope with the changes that growing up will bring.
- I can identify what I am looking forward to when I move to my next class. I can start to think about changes I will make next year and know how to go about this.

Year 6

- I am aware of my own self-image and how my body fits into that. I know how to develop my own self esteem.
- I can explain how girls' and boys' bodies change during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally. I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty.
- I can describe how a baby develops from conception through nine months of pregnancy and how it is born. I can recognise how I feel when I reflect on the development and birth of a baby.

- I understand how being physically attracted to someone changes the nature of the relationship and what that might mean about having a girlfriend/boyfriend. I understand that respect for one another is essential in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship. And that I should not feel pressured into doing something I don't want to.
- I am aware of the importance of having a positive self-esteem and what I can do to develop it. I can express how I feel about my self-image and know how to challenge negative body-talk.
- I can identify what I am looking forward to and what worries me about the transition to secondary school/ or moving to my next class. I know how to prepare myself emotionally for the changes next year.

10. Delivery of the curriculum

The relationships and health curriculum will be delivered as part of our PSHE curriculum.

The school will ensure that keeping children safe and preventative education remain at the heart of PSHE subjects.

Sex education will be delivered through the science curriculum and the PSHE curriculum.

Through effective organisation and delivery of the subject, the school will ensure that:

- Core knowledge is sectioned into units of manageable size.
- The required content is communicated to pupils clearly, in a carefully sequenced way, within a planned scheme of work.
- Teaching includes sufficient and well-chosen opportunities and contexts for pupils to embed new knowledge so that it can be used confidently in real-life situations.

The curriculum is delivered proactively, such that it addresses issues in a timely way in line with current evidence on children's physical, emotional development. The school will ensure that all teaching and materials are appropriate for the ages of the pupils, their religious backgrounds, their developmental stages and any additional needs, such as SEND. Lesson plans will provide appropriate challenge for pupils and be differentiated for pupils' needs.

Curriculum organisation

Pupils will receive their entitlement for learning PSHE through a spiral curriculum which demonstrates progression. The RHE programme is delivered through a variety of opportunities including:

- Designated PSHE time as part of a spiral curriculum
- Circle time
- Use of external agencies and/or services
- School ethos
- Small group work
- Cross curricular links

- Assemblies
- Enrichment days and weeks
- Residential trips

Terminology

In recognition of the fact that the use of code names for body parts can facilitate the normalisation of child sexual abuse, teaching staff will use and teach pupils the anatomically correct names for body parts.

Dealing with difficult questions

The school will support teaching staff to feel comfortable to answer questions from pupils, by providing regular CPD training in how to deliver sex education, including sessions on confidentiality, setting ground rules, handling controversial issues, responding to 'awkward' questions and an introduction to the rationale of why teaching RHE is so important. The school will encourage teaching staff to refer questions they feel ill-equipped to answer to the RHE subject leader for advice or support in handling the question.

Teachers will stop full class discussions where pupils begin to reveal personal, private information related to sensitive issues. If teachers feel concerned about anything shared by a pupil, they will follow the appropriate response as laid out in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

The programme will be designed to incorporate all pupils, and activities will be planned to ensure all are actively involved.

Teachers will focus heavily on the importance of healthy relationships, though sensitivity will always be given as to not stigmatise pupils based on their home circumstances.

Whilst there are no formal examinations for the relationships and health curriculum, the school will undertake informal assessments to determine pupil progress – these include the following:

- Tests
- Written assignments
- Group presentations
- Group tasks
- Projects

11. Working with external experts

The school may invite guest speakers into school to talk on issues related to RHE, e.g. an expert or experienced health professional who can challenge pupil's perceptions. A teacher will be present throughout these lessons.

Visitors will be given a copy of this policy and expected to comply with the guidelines outlined within it. All resources used by guest speakers will be available to parents to view prior to lesson delivery.

Before delivering the session, the school will:

- Ensure the lesson the external expert has planned fits with the school's planned curriculum and this policy.
- Ensure the expert's credentials are checked before they are able to participate in delivery of the curriculum, in line with the Visitor Policy.
- Discuss the details of the expert's lesson plan and ensure that the content is age-appropriate and accessible for the pupils.
- Ask to see the materials the expert intends to use, as well as a copy of the lesson plan, to ensure it meets all pupils' needs, including those with SEND.
- Agree with the expert the procedures for confidentiality, ensuring that the expert understands how safeguarding reports should be dealt with in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.

12. Equality and accessibility

The school understands its responsibilities in relation to the Equality Act 2010, specifically that it must not unlawfully discriminate against any pupil because of their protected characteristics. These include:

- Age
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- Race
- Disability
- Religion or belief
- Gender reassignment
- Pregnancy or maternity
- Marriage or civil partnership

The school is committed to making reasonable adjustments wherever possible to promote accessibility and inclusivity of the curriculum. The school will ensure that relationships and health education programme is inclusive, and caters to the needs, of pupils with SEND or other support needs, such as those with SEMH needs.

Teachers will understand that they may need to adapt their planning of work and teaching methods in order to appropriately deliver the programme to pupils with SEND or other support needs.

Provisions under the Equality Act 2010 allow our school to take positive action, where it can be evidenced to be proportionate, to respond to particular disadvantages affecting a group because of a protected characteristic. For example, we could consider taking positive action to support girls if there was evidence that they were being disproportionately subjected to sexual violence or sexual harassment.

When deciding whether support is necessary to support pupils with a particular protected characteristic, we will consider our pupils' needs, including the gender and age range of our pupils.

In order to foster healthy and respectful peer-to-peer communication and behaviour between all pupils, the school implements a robust Behaviour Policy, as well as a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, which sets out expectations of pupils.

The school understands that relationships, sex, and health education may include topics which are triggers for teaching staff, and could relate to historic, recent, or current trauma. If this is the case, the school encourages staff to approach their line manager or the wellbeing lead to discuss this.

13. Curriculum links

The school seeks opportunities to draw links between relationships and health education and other curriculum subjects wherever possible to enhance pupils' learning. Relationships and health education will be linked to the following subjects in particular:

- **Science** – pupils learn about the main external parts of the body and changes to the body as it grows from birth to old age, including puberty.
- **Computing and ICT** – pupils learn about e-safety, including how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely, how to keep personal information private and how to access help and support.
- **PE** – pupils explore various physical activities, are physically active for sustained periods of time, engage in competitive sport and understand how exercise can lead to healthier lifestyles.
- **Citizenship** – pupils learn about the requirements of the law, their responsibilities and the possible consequences of their actions.
- **PSHE** – pupils learn about respect and difference, values and characteristics of individuals.

14. Withdrawing from the subjects

Relationships and health education are statutory at primary and parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from the subjects.

As sex education is not statutory at primary level, other than what must be taught as part of the science curriculum, parents have the right to request to withdraw their child from all or part of the sex education curriculum.

The headteacher will automatically grant a parent's request to withdraw their child from sex education, other than the content that must be taught as part of the science curriculum; however, the headteacher will discuss the request with the parent and, if appropriate, their child, to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. The headteacher will discuss with the parent, the benefits or receiving this important education and any adverse effects that withdrawal may have on the pupil – this could include, for example, social and emotional effects of being excluded.

The headteacher will keep a record of the discussion between themselves, the pupil and the parent. The parent will be informed in writing of the headteacher's decision.

Where a pupil is withdrawn from sex education, the headteacher will ensure that the pupil receives appropriate alternative education.

15. Behaviour

The school has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. We aim to foster a culture based on mutual respect and understanding for one another.

Any bullying incidents caused as a result of the relationships and health education programme, such as those relating to sexual orientation, will be dealt with as seriously as other bullying incidents within the school. Any occurrence of these incidents will be reported to a member of school staff, who will then discipline the pupil once they are on school premises. These incidents will be dealt with following the processes in our Behaviour Policy and Anti-bullying Policy.

The headteacher will decide whether it is appropriate to notify the police or an anti-social behaviour coordinator in their LA of the action taken against a pupil.

16. Staff training

All staff members at the school will undergo training on a termly basis to ensure they are up-to-date with the relationship and health education programme and associated issues. Members of staff responsible for teaching the subjects will undergo further training on a termly basis, led by the RSHE subject leader, to ensure they are fully equipped to teach the subjects effectively.

Training of staff will also be scheduled around any updated guidance on the programme and any new developments, such as 'sexting', which may need to be addressed in relation to the programme.

17. Confidentiality

The school will aim to provide a safe and supportive school community where pupils feel comfortable seeking help and guidance on anything that may be concerning them about life either at school or at home. Training around confidentiality will be provided to all teachers.

It may be the case that discussion around what is acceptable and not acceptable in relationships may lead to the disclosure of a child protection issue. If this is the case, the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy should be followed.

Pupils will be informed prior to delivery of RHE lessons that confidentiality will remain unless school staff feel that a child is at risk of harm. This information will need to be passed on to the DSL and the pupils will be informed of the procedure. Staff who breach the right to a child's privacy by disclosing or sharing confidential information with no reason to do so will be dealt with under the school's Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

18. Quality of Education

The RHE subject leader is responsible for monitoring the quality of teaching and learning for the subjects. They will conduct subject assessments on a termly basis, which will include a mixture of the following:

- Self-evaluations
- Lesson observations
- Topic feedback forms
- Learning walks
- Work scrutiny
- Lesson planning scrutiny

The RHE subject leader will create annual subject reports for the headteacher and governing board to report on the quality of the subjects. They will also work regularly and consistently with the headteacher and RHE link governor, e.g. through monthly review meetings, to evaluate the effectiveness of the subjects and implement any changes.

19. Monitoring and Review

The governing board is responsible for approving this policy.

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the RHE subject leader and headteacher. The next scheduled review date for this policy is Autumn 2025. This policy will also be reviewed in light of any changes to statutory guidance; feedback from parents, staff or pupils; and issues in the school or local area that may need addressing.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all staff, parents and, where necessary, pupils.