



# RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION POLICY

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### 1. Aims

Through our PSHE programme, we aim to provide children with the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives and to become informed, active and responsible citizens. In providing children with an understanding of healthy and respectful relationships and appropriate boundaries, we consider effective Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) to be a fundamental part of our approach to supporting pupils to grow into confident, caring, responsible and respectful young citizens.

At Penbridge, RSE is taught within the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education curriculum. In addition, some aspects of the RSE programme will be covered through:

- Science curriculum
- Computing
- Circle times
- Assemblies
- Stories
- PE in the context of health and hygiene

RSE is lifelong learning about personal, physical, moral and emotional development. It should teach children and young people to develop and form positive values, attitudes, personal and social skills, and increase their knowledge and understanding of how to make informed decisions and life choices.

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are to:

- Provide a consistent standard of relationships, sex and health education across the school
- Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Promote responsible behaviour
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies
- To provide a PSHE / RSE curriculum which prepares children to be a global citizen now and in their future roles within a global community.
- To promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences they need for later life, thus enabling them to make positive contributions to their immediate community and also wider society.
- To teach children how to be safe, how to understand the complexity of relationships and be confident to develop healthy relationships and lifestyles both now and in their future lives.

## 2. Statutory requirements

As an infant and junior academy school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the [Children and Social work act 2017](#).

We follow the National Curriculum which requires us to teach science including the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum.

In teaching RSE, we are required by our funding agreements to have regard to [guidance](#) issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the [Education Act 1996](#).

At Penbridge Infant and Junior School we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

This policy has been written in accordance with the statutory guidance document “Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education” (DfE, 2019).

Department for Education guidance states that since the summer term 2021, all primary schools must teach Relationships and Health Education. The teaching of Sex Education in primary schools remains non-statutory, with the exception of the elements of sex education contained in the science national curriculum: including knowledge of the main external body parts; the changes as humans develop to old age and reproduction in some plants and animals.

As part of the science curriculum, children in Year 2 learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. In Year 5, pupils describe the changes as humans develop to old age and about how reproduction occurs in some plants and animals.

As part of statutory Health Education, children are taught in an age-appropriate way about puberty and the associated physical and emotional changes from Year 4 onwards.

Girls in Year 4 are taught to recognise the signs and changes that may occur during the onset of puberty (including menstruation), in preparation for further lessons on this subject which also focus on emotional changes in Year 5 and 6. These lessons form part of the statutory requirements for Health Education and will be included within PSHE education lessons.

Within the statutory guidance document for RSE and Health Education, the DfE also encourages schools to deliver age-appropriate sex education, this takes place in year 6.

### 3. Policy development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

1. Review – a member of staff or working group pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance. This included the PSHE lead, heads of school and Executive Headteacher.
2. Staff consultation – all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations.
3. Parent/stakeholder consultation – parents and any interested parties were invited to read and feedback opinions and recommendations about the policy.
4. Ratification – once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified.

### 4. Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values.

Within this policy, as in the DfE guidance, **Relationships Education** is defined as teaching about the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to respectful friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults, including online.

For the purpose of this policy, **Health Education** is defined as teaching pupils about physical health and mental wellbeing, focusing on recognising the link between the two and being able to make healthy lifestyle choices

**Sex Education** is defined as teaching children how human reproduction occurs, including how a baby is conceived and born. This draws on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science. For the purposes of this policy, we specifically identify any non-statutory Sex Education that falls outside of Science and related elements (the physical changes associated with puberty) in appendix 1.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

## 5. Curriculum

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

At Penbridge Infant and Junior Schools, we use the Jigsaw Scheme of Work for PSHE, which is accredited by the PSHE Association. We have selected this scheme in consultation as we feel it fulfils the needs of our pupils as well as meeting our obligations to provide statutory Relationships and Health Education.

**Key objectives of the statutory Relationships and Health Education curriculum are outlined in appendix 2.**

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

### 5.1 Statutory Science Curriculum Content

Early Years Foundation Stage children learn about life cycles for example through watching the life cycle of a butterfly. Through ongoing personal, social and emotional development, they develop the skills to form relationships and think about relationships with others.

#### **In Key Stage 1 (years 1 – 2) children learn:**

- To identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is to do with each sense
- To notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- To find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- To describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene

#### **In Key Stage 2 (years 3 – 6) children learn:**

- To identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat
- To identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement
- To describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- To identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- To describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
- To describe the changes, as humans develop to old age
- To identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
- To recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function
- To describe the way nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans
- To recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents

## 5.2 Non-Statutory Sex Education

The DfE guidance 2019 recommends that all primary schools have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of pupils, and this should include how a baby is conceived and born. Although sex education is not compulsory in primary schools, we believe children should understand the facts about human reproduction before they leave primary school. We therefore provide some non-statutory sex education, covering how human reproduction and conception occurs. This is included in the “Changing Me” unit in the summer term. Children are taught:

- that in most animals including humans the baby grows inside the mother (Year 3);
- that for a baby to be made, a sperm from the father and an egg from the mother must meet; that this can happen when a grown-up man and woman share an especially close and loving embrace that is a loving and very private part of a grown-up relationship. (Year 6);
- that when a sperm and egg meet, this is called conception; that conception usually occurs as a result of sexual intercourse, and what sexual intercourse means (Year 6);
- how a baby develops in the womb and how babies are born (Year 6).

We believe that teaching this additional content to pupils will ensure that they are better prepared for transition to secondary school and also support their personal and social development as they grow into young adults. **As is legally prescribed, parents have a right to withdraw their children from these additional non-statutory sex education lessons** – please see section 10 of this policy in regard to this process.

The resources we use when teaching the non-statutory sex education units are available for parents and carers to view on request to the Year leader. Any concerns should be discussed with the class teacher in the first instance.

There will be an opportunity for parents to view resources used and ask questions at the start of the summer 2 half term before the teaching of these units begins.

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

## 5.3 Online Safety Education

Online safety is taught as part of the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work, predominantly, but not exclusively, during the ‘Relationships’ unit of work in each year group. Online safety is also taught as an integral part of our computing curriculum

## 6. Delivery of RSE

RSE is taught within the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the science curriculum, and other aspects are included in the computing curriculum. Class teachers deliver the vast majority of RSE teaching.

## 6.1 Jigsaw Scheme of Work

As a school, we use the scheme JIGSAW to support our learners and deliver our PSHE and RSE. This is a programme of work which explores all areas of PSHE as well as the RSE curriculum. Throughout each year the children will learn through set units of work which are based around:

- Being Me in my World
- Celebrating Difference
- Dreams and Goals
- Healthy Me
- Relationships
- Changing Me

The content and implementation of the programme is based on a number of different strategies for learning. Lessons are planned in a sequence of weekly sessions which are driven by clear learning objectives and key vocabulary. There is an aspect of mindfulness which is a key thread throughout the curriculum.

Children are taught the 'Jigsaw Charter' which sets out the expectations for learning particularly in this subject. They are:

We take turns to speak

We use kind and positive words

We listen to each other

We have the right to pass

We only use names when giving compliments or when being positive

We respect each other's privacy (confidentiality)

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

These explicitly link with the Jigsaw curriculum and each characteristic of positive relationships is explored in an age appropriate manner.

For more information about our RSE 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, LGBT 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).

## **7. Roles and responsibilities**

### **7.1 The governing board**

The governing board will approve the RSE policy, and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

### **7.2 The Headteacher**

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

### **7.3 Staff**

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the nonstatutory 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 headteacher.

All of Penhale Infant and Newbridge Junior's teaching staff will be trained in delivering RSE.

### **7.4 Pupils**

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

## **8. Safeguarding**

In providing children with an understanding of healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries, we consider RSE to be an important part of our school's approach to safeguarding.



Teachers are aware that effective RSE, which brings an understanding of what is and what is not appropriate in a relationship, can lead to a disclosure of a child protection issue. Teachers will take these matters seriously and speak to the child away from the class as a matter of priority. In cases where pupils make a disclosure of a safeguarding nature, staff will follow our safeguarding procedures as set out in our safeguarding policy. (See also Safeguarding Policy).

We occasionally engage the expertise of other appropriate external partners to work with us to provide advice and support to children with regard to RSE and Health Education. Such visits should be arranged through the PSHE Lead and with the approval of senior leaders. These sessions are in addition to, and intended to complement, our existing RSE provision. Where external partners are involved, teachers will have discussed and shared the planning and content of the sessions with visitors in advance. A class teacher will always be present and responsible for classroom management. Visitors supporting the delivery of RSE will follow the agreed ground rules and the protocols set out above regarding any safeguarding or child protection concerns.

## **9. Inclusivity**

### **9.1 Special Educational Needs**

Our pupils have different needs based on their emotional and physical development, life experiences, and learning differences, but we aim to ensure that all pupils are properly included in RSE. Teachers will plan and deliver work in a variety of ways, in order to meet the needs of individual pupils with SEN or learning differences. We focus on activities that increase a pupil's assertiveness, communication and relationship skills, their self-esteem and understanding. (See inclusion policy)

### **9.2 Equalities and diversity**

Schools, like all public institutions, have specific responsibilities in relation to equality and protected characteristics. Planning and resources are reviewed to ensure they comply with equalities legislation and the school's equal opportunities policy.

All RSE is taught without bias and in line with legal responsibilities such as those contained within the Equality Act (2010). Topics are presented using a variety of views and beliefs so that pupils are able to form their own, informed opinions but also respect others that may have different opinions. The personal beliefs and attitudes of staff delivering RSE will not influence the teaching of the subject in school.

In our school we seek to recognise and embrace the diverse nature of our community. We aim to value and celebrate religious, ethnic and cultural diversity as part of modern Britain. We will explore different cultural beliefs and values and encourage activities that challenge stereotypes and discrimination and present children with accurate information based on the law. We will use a range of teaching materials and resources that reflect the diversity of our community and encourage a sense of inclusiveness. We do not use RSE as a means of promoting any form of sexual orientation.

## 10. Parents' right to withdraw

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

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

If parents have concerns about any aspects of the RSE curriculum they should speak to their child's teacher in the first instance.

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

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

## 11. Training

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

The headteacher will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

## 12. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by PSHE lead through:

- Learning walks to observe lessons
- Book looks at the children's work and progress made
- Pupil interviews

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

This policy will be reviewed by Karen Denton (Head of School, Penbridge Junior School) annually.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the Executive Headteacher

Appendix 1: Curriculum map

**Relationships and sex education curriculum map**

KEY: Science statutory Curriculum (statutory) Relationship and health statutory curriculum (statutory) Sex Education (non – statutory)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Age Group	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
EYFS	Self-identity Understanding feelings Being in a classroom Being gentle Rights and responsibilities	Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	Challenges Perseverance Goal-setting Overcoming obstacles Seeking help Jobs Achieving goals	Exercising bodies Physical activity Healthy food Sleep Keeping clean Safety	Family life Friendships Breaking friendships Falling out Dealing with bullying Being a good friend	Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations
1						Life cycles – animal

Feeling special and safe Being part of a class Rights and responsibilities Rewards and feeling proud Consequences Owning the Learning Charter	Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone	Setting goals Identifying successes and achievements Learning styles Working well and celebrating achievement with a partner Tackling new challenges Identifying and overcoming	Keeping myself healthy Healthier lifestyle choices Keeping clean Being safe Medicine safety/safety with household items Road safety Linking health and happiness	Belonging to a family Making friends/being a good friend Physical contact preferences People who help us Qualities as a friend and person Selfacknowledgement	and human Changes in me Changes since being a baby Linking growing and learning Coping with change Transition
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		obstacles Feelings of success		Being a good friend to myself Celebrating special relationships	
2					Life cycles in nature

	<p>Hopes and fears for the year Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Safe and fair learning environment Valuing contributions Choices Recognising feelings</p>	<p>Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others Making new friends Gender diversity Celebrating difference and remaining friends</p>	<p>Achieving realistic goals Perseverance Learning strengths Learning with others Group co-operation Contributing to and sharing success</p>	<p>Motivation Healthier choices Relaxation Healthy eating and nutrition Healthier snacks and sharing food</p>	<p>Different types of family Physical contact boundaries Friendship and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Expressing appreciation for special relationships</p>	<p>Growing from young to old Increasing independence Assertiveness Preparing for transition</p>
3	<p>Setting personal goals Self-identity and worth Positivity in challenges Rules, rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Responsible choices</p>	<p>Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful</p>	<p>Difficult challenges and achieving success Dreams and ambitions New challenges Motivation and enthusiasm Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles</p>	<p>Exercise Fitness challenges Food labelling and healthy swaps Attitudes towards drugs Keeping safe and why it's important online and off line scenarios</p>	<p>Family roles and responsibilities Friendship and negotiation Keeping safe online and who to go to for help Being a global citizen Being aware of how my choices affect others</p>	<p>How babies grow Understanding a baby's needs Family stereotype Challenging my ideas Preparing for transition</p>

	Seeing things from others' perspectives	Giving and receiving compliments	Evaluating learning processes Managing feelings Simple budgeting	Respect for myself and others Healthy and safe choices	Awareness of how other children have different lives Expressing appreciation for family and friends	
4	Being part of a class team Being a school citizen Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council) Rewards and consequences Group decisionmaking Having a voice What motivates behaviour	Challenging assumptions Judging by appearance Accepting self and others Understanding influences Understanding bullying Problem-solving Identifying how special and unique everyone is First impressions	Hopes and dreams Overcoming disappointment Creating new, realistic dreams Achieving goals Working in a group Celebrating contributions Resilience Positive attitudes	Healthier friendships Group dynamics Smoking Alcohol Assertiveness Peer pressure Celebrating inner strength	Jealousy Love and loss Memories of loved ones Getting on and Falling Out Girlfriends and boyfriends Showing appreciation to people and animals	Being unique Girls and pub Confidence in cha Accepting ch Preparing transition Environmental change
5						Self- and body

	<p>Planning the forthcoming year</p> <p>Being a citizen</p> <p>Rights and responsibilities</p> <p>Rewards and consequences</p>	<p>Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict</p> <p>Racism</p> <p>Rumours and namecalling</p> <p>Types of bullying</p>	<p>Future dreams</p> <p>The importance of money</p> <p>Jobs and careers</p> <p>Dream job and how to get there</p> <p>Goals in different cultures</p>	<p>Smoking, including vaping</p> <p>Alcohol</p> <p>Alcohol and antisocial behaviour</p> <p>Emergency aid</p> <p>Body image</p>	<p>Self-recognition and self-worth</p> <p>Building self-esteem</p> <p>Safer online communities</p>	<p>image</p> <p>Influence of online media on body image</p> <p>Growing responsibility</p> <p>Coping with change</p>
	<p>How behaviour affects groups</p> <p>Democracy, having a voice, participating</p>	<p>Material wealth and happiness</p> <p>Enjoying and respecting other cultures</p>	<p>Supporting others (charity)</p> <p>Motivation</p>	<p>Relationships with food</p> <p>Healthy choices</p> <p>Motivation and behaviour</p>	<p>Rights and responsibilities online</p> <p>Online gaming and gambling</p> <p>Reducing screen time</p> <p>Dangers of online grooming</p> <p>SMART internet safety rules</p>	<p>Preparing for transition</p> <p>Puberty for g</p> <p>Puberty for</p> <p>Outside b</p> <p>changes, boc</p> <p>Inside</p> <p>nges</p>
6						Self-image

Identifying goals for the year Global citizenship Children's universal rights Feeling welcome and valued Choices, consequences and rewards Group dynamics Democracy, having a voice Anti-social behaviour Role-modelling	Perceptions of normality Understanding disability Power struggles Understanding bullying Inclusion/exclusion Differences as conflict, difference as celebration Empathy	Personal learning goals, in and out of school Success criteria Emotions in success Making a difference in the world Motivation Recognising achievements Compliments	Taking personal responsibility How substances affect the body Exploitation, including 'county lines' and gang culture Emotional and mental health Managing stress	Mental health Identifying mental health worries and sources of support Love and loss Managing feelings Power and control Assertiveness Technology safety Take responsibility with technology use	Body image Puberty and feelings Reflections change Physical attraction Respect and consent Sexting Transition Having a baby Conception (including IVF) Conception to
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Appendix 2: By the end of primary school pupils should know (Relationships Education)

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families and people who care about me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong</li> <li>• How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed</li> </ul>
Caring friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends</li> <li>• The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties</li> <li>• That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

Respectful relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships • The conventions of courtesy and manners</li> <li>• The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive</li> <li>• The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults</li> </ul>
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TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Online relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them</li> <li>• How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met</li> <li>• How information and data is shared and used online</li> </ul>

Being safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• That each person’s body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact</li> <li>• How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know</li> <li>• How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult</li> <li>• How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard</li> <li>• How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so</li> <li>• Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
	HEALTH EDUCATION

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Mental wellbeing	<p>Pupils should know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.</li> <li>• that there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations.</li> <li>• 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support.</li> <li>• that bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else’s mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• it is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough.</li> </ul>

Physical health and fitness	<p>Pupils should know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle.</li> <li>• the importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this; for example walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise.</li> <li>• the risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity).</li> <li>• how and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health.</li> </ul>
Healthy eating	<p>Pupils should know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• what constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content).</li> <li>• the principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals.</li> <li>• the characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay) and other behaviours (e.g. the impact of alcohol on diet or health).</li> </ul>

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Drugs, alcohol and tobacco	<p>Pupils should know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body.</li> <li>• about safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer.</li> <li>• the importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn.</li> <li>• about dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist.</li> <li>• about personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing.</li> <li>• the facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination</li> </ul>
Basic first aid	<p>Pupils should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary.</li> <li>• concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries.</li> </ul>
Changing adolescent body	<p>Pupils should know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11, including physical and emotional changes.</li> <li>• about menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle.</li> </ul>

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	

