

Personal Social Health
Economics (PSHE)
and
Relationships and Sex
Education (RSE)

St Gregory's Primary School

Objectives

We want to:

- Explain the changes to requirements for RSE coming in from September 2020
- Get your views on our RSE curriculum
- Explain how we have updated our PSHE curriculum to cover the new statutory elements of RSE

What's New?

- We **must** provide the following to all pupils:
 - Relationships education
 - Health education
- The DfE have made it clear that schools should **not** just 'teach to the guidance', but see it as the basic requirement which forms part of broader PSHE education.
- The statutory guidance outlines what schools **must** cover - though not everything that schools **should** cover - in PSHE from 2020 with it being fully implemented by 2021 The Department for Education (DfE) says: '*All elements of PSHE are important and the government continues to recommend PSHE be taught in schools*'.

- Although our existing curriculum already covered work on health and relationships, the new requirements are about **raising and 'levelling up' of PSHE standards** across all schools (apparently in a way that does not cause undue burden on workload and resources).
- **A priority is to tailor our programme to the needs of our pupils and community in order to be effective. There is no 'one-size-fits-all solution':** there are many useful programmes and resources that schools can use to *support* PSHE provision, St Gregory's has chosen to use the PSHE Association - this fits in well with our *mixed age classes* and importantly it builds a 'spiral curriculum', meaning that the specific learning builds for pupils as they move through the school, gradually expanding and deepening their knowledge, skills, and attributes.
- The DfE have made it clear that **schools should *not* just 'teach to the guidance'** however, but see it as the basic requirement which forms part of broader PSHE education.
- The statutory guidance outlines what schools ***must* cover - though not everything that schools *should* cover** - in PSHE from 2020. The Department for Education (DfE) says: *'All elements of PSHE are important and the government continues to recommend PSHE be taught in schools'*.

What about Sex Education?

- These new statutory requirements do not extend to **sex education** at KS 1 and 2 (beyond the biological/reproductive aspects schools are already required to cover in science)
- However, the Department for Education *'continues to recommend that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils'*
- Parents will continue to have the right to withdraw their child from sex education but **not** from statutory Relationships Education or Health Education.

Right of withdrawal

Current Guidelines

- Under the current SRE guidance, until September 2020, parents can choose to withdraw their child (up to the age of 18) from any or all aspects of Sex and Relationships Education that are not included within the statutory National Curriculum.
- This means that parents are not permitted to withdraw their child from elements of sex education (for example reproductive and biological aspects) that are within the science curriculum.
- Schools must make alternative arrangements for pupils whose parents choose to withdraw them from SRE lessons

Starting September 2020

- Parents will not be able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Relationships Education or Health Education.
- Parents will be able to withdraw their child (following discussion with the school) from **any or all aspects of Sex Education**, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until three terms before the age of 16.
- After that point, the guidance states that 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.'
- Where pupils are withdrawn from sex education, schools should document the process and will have to 'ensure that the pupil receives appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.'

For more information:



Promotional material

**Relationships, sex and health
education: guides for parents**

Search 'RSE FAQ' on GOV.UK

Search 'RSE Parent Guide' on GOV.UK

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