

Burton Leonard Church of England (VC) Primary School



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy 2020 - 2023

Policy aim

To clarify the provision of relationships and sex education and the teaching of human growth and reproduction as set out in the National Curriculum to pupils at Burton Leonard Church of England (VC) Primary School.

Defining RSE education at Burton Leonard School

The school's RSE programme aims to provide all pupils with information, guidance and support on relationships and sex, human growth and reproduction in a manner which is easy to understand and appropriate to their age and maturity.

It is designed to develop young people's self esteem, helping them move with confidence from childhood to adolescence and adulthood whilst learning to respect themselves and others.

It encourages young people to explore attitudes and values concerning relationships and to understand their responsibilities towards themselves, their families, friends and the wider community.

Curriculum content

Burton Leonard School's RSE programme is tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of its pupils. It is delivered in a way that is culturally appropriate and relevant to pupils' learning needs, whether in a whole class, smaller, specifically chosen groups or on a one-to-one basis.

Pupils cover the following broad topics:

Developing confidence in thinking and talking about feelings and relationships, including issues like bullying

Naming parts of the body, understanding reproduction, how bodies work and how a baby is born

Understanding how to ask for help and support around sexual and relationship matters, and how to protect themselves and keep themselves healthy

Preparing for puberty

Provision and delivery

RSE is taught as an element of the Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) programme. Aspects are covered in science as part of the National Curriculum and other areas or subjects are addressed across the curriculum and in Collective Worship.

The programme is delivered by the school's teachers and support staff. Outside agencies, and individuals – for example, the Healthy Child Team – may be invited to come into the school to talk to pupils when appropriate.

Monitoring and evaluation

Pupils' knowledge, attitudes and opinions are assessed by the school both formally and informally on an ongoing basis.

The school's PSHE co-ordinator will monitor the impact of the programme annually with reference to defined learning outcomes and children's responses. The co-ordinator will refer their findings to the Headteacher and governing body.

Parental involvement

Burton Leonard School is committed to working with parents/carers to ensure their children learn about relationships in a secure and positive environment which complements their learning at home.

Parents/carers will be informed before RSE is taught in class and may view and comment on RSE teaching materials, including films, before they are presented to pupils.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from all, or part of the RSE programme, but not from the teaching of the biological aspects of human growth and reproduction as stipulated in the National Curriculum.

Confidentiality

Burton Leonard School strives to deliver RSE to every pupil in an atmosphere of safety and trust. Clear ground rules on privacy and confidentiality are set for each class and teachers ensure that these are understood by pupils. They also make sure young people know how to raise personal issues, and how to seek confidential help and support if needed.

There may be times, however, when teachers or other RSE providers cannot guarantee unconditional confidentiality, particularly if they suspect a child may

be at risk. In these cases, the school's child protection procedures will be followed. Please refer to the school's Child Protection Policy for further information on these.

Related policies

Please refer also to the school's Child Protection, Anti-bullying and PSHE Policies.

Review

Adopted: Autumn 2020

Date of next review: Autumn 2023

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