

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

As a part of your child's educational experience at Ash, Cartwright and Kelsey CE Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

The Department for Education has made changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation which comes into effect from May 2021 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

Consequently, from Term 5 2021, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

We have reviewed our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

As part of this process, the school is consulting with parents, staff and governors which will help us to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

The Consultation Questions are as follows:

1. Would you like support at home, on how to speak to your child about relationship and sex?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE Policy?
3. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the RSE Curriculum Outline?
4. Thinking about relationships and sex education, what do you believe is the most important subject area that should be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?
5. Thinking about relationships and sex education, is there an area that you think should not be taught for different age groups/key stages and why?

This survey can be found at: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MKWP8YH>

This consultation will enable us to reach a general consensus and we will make suitable adjustments to our policy and curriculum based on this feedback.

The right to withdraw children from some lessons is explained in the FAQs which is on our website (see below).

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, please look at the information below which provides more detail.

Please find below:

- A powerpoint presentation for parents (also saved as a PDF) gives an overview of RSHE and the rationale behind the curriculum changes
- FAQ sheet,
- Our Draft Policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements.
- [DFE RSE primary schools guide for parents.pdf](#)
- [Link to DfE statutory guidance on Sex and Relationships Education](#)