



Governors' Statement on Sex and Relationship Education

Sex and Relationship Education is an integral part of our Personal, Social and Health Education programme, an area which is considered important and valuable throughout the school.

We believe that sex and relationship education is an ongoing process, which should start in the home and continue at school. This process should happen in partnership with parents. A positive effort will be made to inform and involve parents and parents are given the opportunity to see the teaching materials used in the classroom.

Effective sex and relationship education is essential if young people are going to make responsible and well informed decisions about their lives. The objective of sex and relationship education is to help and support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development. The school's programme, embedded within the PSHE curriculum, will help children to respect themselves and others. The programme is tailored to the age and physical and emotional maturity of the children and is delivered by the school staff, with help from the school nurse.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of any sex and relationship education provided, but not from the biological aspects of human growth and reproduction under National Curriculum Science. However, any parent who wishes to withdraw their child should have the overall importance and relevance of such a programme emphasised to them.