Curriculum Statement of Intent Teaching and learning of: RSE

Through the delivery of Relationships Education we intend to further our school's aims of providing a curriculum which is relevant to the needs of pupils, both now and in the future. It will enable pupils to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes which enhance their personal development and wellbeing. This will have a direct, positive effect on their progress and achievement in school.

All adults in school will work towards achieving these aims for Relationships Education. We seek to enable our children to:

- develop interpersonal and communication skills;
- develop positive, personal values and a moral framework that will guide their decisions and behaviour;
- respect themselves and others, their views, backgrounds, cultures and experiences;
- develop respectful, caring relationships based on mutuality, reciprocation and trust;
- develop their ability to keep themselves and others safe, physically and emotionally, both on and off line;
- develop their understanding of a variety of families and how families are central to the wellbeing of children;
- recognise and avoid coercive and exploitative relationships;
- explore relationships in ways appropriate to their age and stage of development;
- value, care for and respect their bodies;

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build confidence in accessing additional advice and support for themselves and others.

	The teaching of skills	The application of skills	Vocabulary
	Relationships Education is learning about:	Pupils are given regular opportunities to	Pupils will understand and use appropriate
~	 Families and People who care for 	apply the skills that they have been taught	topic vocabulary
a b	me	to support their learning in other	
nec	 Caring Friendships 	curriculum subjects.	
pin	 Respectful relationships 		
der	 Online Relationships 		
ñ	Being Safe		
	These will be taught through discrete		
	Cambridgeshire PSHE Scheme lessons.		

Inclusion

We ensure our Relationships Education programme provides for those with additional needs. We recognise that those with SEND can sometimes be more vulnerable to sexual harassment and abuse and that we need to ensure that children are supported to develop appropriate strategies and attitudes to keep themselves safer. We consider:

- their level of vulnerability to coercion and pressure;
- their previous experience of negative behaviours in peer or child-adult relationships;
- their need to learn and demonstrate appropriate behaviour;
- their need to develop self-esteem and positive body image;
- the need to involve all staff, including ancillary staff and parents/carers, in policy development, planning and training;
- the management of personal care;
- clarity about sources of support for pupils.

Equality

In order to ensure that Relationships Education meets the needs of all:

- We will reflect a range of lifestyles and family structures so that all children see themselves and their families reflected back in the lessons.
- We will ensure that the law in relation to, for example, marriage, online behaviours, sexuality, gender and violence are explained in age appropriate ways.
- Where there are different cultural or religious views about families, relationships or behaviours, we will share these to ensure children see their family views represented.
- We will not seek to gain consensus, but will accept and celebrate difference.
- We will, as appropriate, ensure that a variety of views and beliefs are reflected back to pupils.
- In order to ensure that children of all genders can access information they need, we will teach in mixed gender groups wherever possible.
- We will encourage respect and discourage abusive and exploitative relationships.
- We will not ask children to represent the views of a particular religious or cultural group to their peers, unless they choose to do so.

Safeguarding

We understand the importance of high quality Relationships Education as we fulfil our statutory safeguarding duties. Relationship Education enables pupils to understand about mutual, consensual and reciprocated relationships in all their forms. Whether the children are learning about friendships, families, relationships in school or the wider community, they will be developing essential skills which underpin their ability to recognise abusive relationships. Teaching about 'Family and Friends' and 'Anti-bullying' enables us to fulfil our statutory duty to prevent 'peer-on-peer' abuse.

In the case of RSE and Personal Safety, we recognise that effective teaching may alert children to what is appropriate and inappropriate behaviour (including inappropriate sexual behaviour) and that there is an increased possibility that a disclosure relating to abuse may be made. RSE and Personal Safety enable us to fulfil our duty to prevent Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). All staff are aware of the Safeguarding and Child Protection procedures and will report disclosures or concerns to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) immediately

Development of the Policy

This policy has been developed in consultation with pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers. The consultation period followed the provision of information about the duties and statutory elements which have to be included in Relationships Education. It has also included gathering views on needs and priorities for the school community. All views expressed by pupils, staff, governors and parents/carers about the policy have been considered. The final decision on policy and delivery has been made by the school, having listened to the needs and views of the school community.

Consulting on our Policy Before consultation activities, parents/carers, pupils and other stakeholders have been given information about Relationships Education in ways which are accessible to them. They have been asked for their views about appropriate ages for particular topics, to share relevant views and beliefs and to consider the suitability of the school's aims for Relationships Education. Some parents/carers and pupils have been consulted directly through surveys and an online meeting to discuss aspects of the delivery of RSE. Parents/carers and pupils views have also been represented by a focus group and

the PSHCE governor. Further consultation with

	parents/carers and pupils will be carried out when the	
	policy is reviewed, which happens at least every 3 years.	

- Children will have a secure knowledge of what healthy relationships, healthy and safe lifestyles and wellbeing are and what skills are needed to create and maintain them.
- Children will succeed in acquiring and applying key relationship, lifestyle and wellbeing skills and knowledge.
- Children will be taught to use and build upon their prior relationship, lifestyle and wellbeing skills and knowledge to deepen and progress their understanding.
- Children will have an understanding and awareness of issues relating to relationships, lifestyles and wellbeing in their local area and the similarities and differences between cultures and backgrounds both locally and in other areas of the world.
- Children will have a good knowledge of the key concepts covered across the school and will know how to keep themselves safe.
- Children will be able to draw upon their knowledge to understand and successfully use a range of skills (such as listening and empathy).
- Children will be confident in applying their knowledge of related terms through an exposure of rich, relevant vocabulary.
- All children will be provided with the opportunity to challenge their personal and social understandings and their knowledge about health and wellbeing, as well as being given support where necessary.
 - Children will apply their RSE knowledge within writing, for a range of different purposes, contexts and audiences where suitable.

Pupil Voice	Evidence in knowledge	Evidence in skills	Breadth and depth
 Discussion Feedback Surveys 	 Pupils know how and why it is important to learn about Families and People who care for me Caring Friendships Respectful relationships Online Relationships Being Safe 	Pupils use acquired vocabulary and social skills through their experiences.	Teachers plan a range of opportunities to use RSE and PSHE skills and discussion, inside and outside school.