



Bentley Heath C E Primary School



Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) & Health Education Policy

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BDMAT Vision and Values

The Birmingham Diocesan Multi-Academy Trust (BDMAT) recognises that the future for schools lies in formal collaborations; schools working together, in partnership to offer life in all its fullness for the young people who attend them. Church schools have a very distinctive purpose: Education is taught in an environment where there is a set of values and ways of behaving that stem from, and express, the Christian foundation of the school. Our schools are about providing an education within a Christian framework for children of the local community of any faith or none; Our Trust seeks to provide a place where church schools and non-church schools who support our philosophy can continue to provide high quality education, knowing that their distinctive ethos will be protected into the future.

When determining this policy, a number of documents were referenced including:

Valuing All God's Children

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/education-publications>

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education; Department for Education statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams and teachers and Physical Health and Mental Well Being.

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

Our mission is:

To provide high quality education within a Christian framework that allows all pupils to reach their full potential through experiencing a broad and balanced curriculum whilst ensuring staff have a good life / work balance and are fulfilled in their roles.

Our values

We have adopted the values of the Church of England, as articulated in the document 'Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good' which sets out the vision for education that the Church of England believes should be seen in all schools, and not just those of a Christian foundation. As a result, the values apply equally to our church schools and our non-church schools.

Our key values are:

- **Hope** – through our Christian faith, we have hope that there can always be a positive outcome
- **Honesty** – we are honest with all inside and outside our organisation, whilst being sensitive to how we deliver these messages



- **Integrity** – we have strong principles rooted in our Christian mission that lead our actions and decisions
- **Helpfulness** – we work in co-operation and partnership with all staff and stakeholders
- **Respect** – we respect all those that we come across
- **Dignity and compassion** – we treat all those within and outside our organisation with dignity, irrespective of the circumstances, and we show everyone compassion for the difficulties that they are experiencing
- **Wisdom** – The decisions we take are wise; they are based on informed discussions and evidence and we aim to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for all without compromising our values

School Vision and Rationale

Rooted in Jesus, and fruitful in mission and service

Bentley Heath Church of England Primary School has a living Christian foundation following the teaching of Jesus, whereby we seek for everyone in our School community to be Rooted and Fruitful in Him. We live out this faith by following Jesus' command to: "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

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This policy should be read in conjunction with:

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To embrace the challenges of creating a happy and successful adult life, pupils need knowledge that will enable them to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships and to build their self-efficacy. Our pupils can put this knowledge into practice as they develop the capacity to make sound decisions when facing risks, challenges and complex contexts. Everyone faces difficult situations in their lives. These subjects can support our pupils to develop resilience, to know how and when to ask for help, and to know where to access support.

High quality, evidence-based and age appropriate teaching of these subjects can help prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. This can also help schools to promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils both at school and in society.

Relationships and Health Education (RHE) is a fundamental part of our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum for pupils in our school. It is embedded in our PSHE curriculum and our aim is to equip children with the skills and

understanding to become healthy, secure, independent and responsible members of society. Our school uses Jigsaw to support the delivery of PSHE.

Through all aspects of the RHE curriculum we promote spiritual, moral, social and cultural education, whilst considering the mental and physical development of pupils at school.

We prepare our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences in later life and encourage them to use developing social skills and knowledge to identify risk to make safe decisions for them.

RHE has an integral part to play in building pupils' mental wellbeing and their understanding of themselves as part of a family, community and wider society. As our pupils grow, they will understand their rights as global citizens and the responsibility that this brings.

From September 2020 it is a legal requirement to teach Relationships and Health Education in primary school and parents do not have a legal right to withdraw their child(ren) from teaching on these subjects.

(If Sex Education is taught – In addition to the requirements of the National Curriculum in Science, the school teaches Sex Education in year (year groups) and information about the contents these specific lessons and your right to withdraw your child from them can be found below)

Policy Development and Consultation

The policy has been developed through consultation with BDMAT Executive Team, our school's stakeholders, which include parents, governors, staff and pupils and has paid due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty and issues relating to National Health Targets, and safeguarding of pupils including Child Sexual Exploitation, Female Genital Mutilation and Homophobia.

To ensure that consultation was thorough and meaningful we consulted with parents through sharing the draft policy and inviting parents to give their feedback and ask questions.

Relationships and Health Education

At Bentley Heath C E Primary School, understanding the way in which relationships develop and grow over time from childhood through to adult relationships is part of lifelong learning. Part of this is about understanding the importance of relationships and the values, qualities and responsibilities in friendships, families, and loving relationships and how to develop an understanding of safety in the online environment. It promotes self-respect, confidence, respect & responsibility toward others, emphasising the importance of marriage, loving relationships, safety, love and care.

Health Education includes the teaching of puberty and the changes that occur as pupils move into adolescence. The lessons will be based on teaching children facts in an age appropriate way to support children to flourish and grow.

Relationships and Health Education does not include teaching about sex (and the school's policy on that subject is explained further below).

Aims and Objectives of this policy and the relationships education curriculum:

- To provide clear guidance for parents, staff and governors in relation to programme progression and delivery;
- For pupils to develop the understanding of relationships and that they need to be built and maintained gradually;
- Relationship Education provides a foundation for further work at secondary school;
- To help young people to respect themselves and others;
- To support pupils through their physical, emotional and moral development;
- To develop skills and understanding to enable pupils to make healthy, responsible choices about their health and well-being including personal hygiene;
- To help pupils understand the significance of marriage and stable relationships and its importance for family life, whilst taking into account a variety of home circumstances with sensitivity;
- To help pupils move more confidently and responsibly into and through adolescence;

- To help pupils to understand a range of views and beliefs about relationships;
- To help pupils to understand issues of media influence and mixed messages that may contradict and conflict with own beliefs

Sex Education

Parents / carers have the right to withdraw their child from a Sex Education lesson as part of PSHE. If such a request is made, we will engage the parents with the Jigsaw materials so that staff can show how it fits in with their learning and learning in other year groups.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 states that parents are not allowed to withdraw children from Relationships Education lessons in Primary school.

All Primary Schools are required to teach Relationships Education and it is recommended that all primary schools have a programme of Sex Education.

Maintained Primary schools are required to teach National Curriculum science, which includes some elements of sex education. Parents do not have a right to withdraw from this. (National Curriculum 2014)

At Bentley Heath our sex education programme will include one session for girls and boys separately in Year 5 covering menstruation and puberty respectively; and two sessions for children Year 6 covering: the development of a baby from conception through pregnancy, sexual intercourse and IVF, with an opportunity to ask appropriate questions. Parents will be notified in writing before these lessons take place so that they can notify the school that they would like to withdraw their child from these specific lessons. There will also be the opportunity for parents of children in this/these year group(s) to view the teaching materials that will be used.

<p>Year 5 Girls and puberty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how a girl's body changes in order for her to be able to have babies when she is an adult and that having periods (menstruation) is a natural part of this. • Know that I have strategies to help me cope with the physical and emotional changes I will experience during puberty.
<p>Year 6 Babies – conception to birth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how a baby develops from conception through the nine months of pregnancy, and how it is born. • Recognise how I feel when I reflect on the development and birth of a baby.
<p>Year 6 Conception</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception and that is how babies are usually made. • Understand that sometimes people need IVF to help them have a baby. • Appreciate how amazing it is that human bodies can reproduce in these ways.

Organisation and Methods of Teaching

Planning and delivery of programme – Jigsaw Scheme

RHE is taught through the Jigsaw Scheme. The specific RSE content is taught through the 'Changing Me' Puzzle of learning in Years 5 and 6.

- The programme will be taught by class teachers with supporting staff to ensure that both pupils and staff are protected;
- The discrete puberty programme taught in Year 5 in selected single sex groups by trained, confident staff;
- Pupils will be taught about the changes related to their own and the opposite sex, how to manage the changes and where to get help at home and school;
- Girls will be made aware of who can provide support, where menstruation provision is kept and where the appropriate disposal bins are situated; and
- Resources we use are appropriate for each year group and enhance the learning.

Mandatory Content (Relationships and Health Education)

Age Group	Being Me In My World	Celebrating Difference	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Ages 3-5 (F1-F2)	Self-identity Understanding feelings Being in a classroom Being gentle Rights and responsibilities	Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	Challenges Perseverance Goal-setting Overcoming obstacles Seeking help Jobs Achieving goals	Exercising bodies Physical activity Healthy food Sleep Keeping clean Safety	Family life Friendships Breaking friendships Falling out Dealing with bullying Being a good friend	Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations
Ages 5-6	Feeling special and safe Being part of a class Rights and responsibilities Rewards and feeling proud Consequences Owning the Learning Charter	Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone	Setting goals Identifying successes and achievements Learning styles Working well and celebrating achievement with a partner Tackling new challenges Identifying and overcoming obstacles Feelings of success	Keeping myself healthy Healthier lifestyle choices Keeping clean Being safe Medicine safety/safety with household items Road safety Linking health and happiness	Belonging to a family Making friends/being a good friend Physical contact preferences People who help us Qualities as a friend and person Self-acknowledgement Being a good friend to myself Celebrating special relationships	Life cycles – animal and human Changes in me Changes since being a baby Differences between female and male bodies (correct terminology) Linking growing and learning Coping with change Transition
Ages 6-7	Hopes and fears for the year Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Safe and fair learning environment Valuing contributions Choices Recognising feelings	Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others Making new friends Gender diversity Celebrating difference and remaining friends	Achieving realistic goals Perseverance Learning strengths Learning with others Group co-operation Contributing to and sharing success	Motivation Healthier choices Relaxation Healthy eating and nutrition Healthier snacks and sharing food	Different types of family Physical contact boundaries Friendship and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Expressing appreciation for special relationships	Life cycles in nature Growing from young to old Increasing independence Differences in female and male bodies (correct terminology) Assertiveness Preparing for transition
Ages 7-8	Setting personal goals Self-identity and worth Positivity in challenges Rules, rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Responsible choices Seeing things from others' perspectives	Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful Giving and receiving compliments	Difficult challenges and achieving success Dreams and ambitions New challenges Motivation and enthusiasm Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles Evaluating learning processes Managing feelings Simple budgeting	Exercise Fitness challenges Food labelling and healthy swaps Attitudes towards drugs Keeping safe and why it's important online and off line scenarios Respect for myself and others Healthy and safe choices	Family roles and responsibilities Friendship and negotiation Keeping safe online and who to go to for help Being a global citizen Being aware of how my choices affect others Awareness of how other children have different lives Expressing appreciation for family and friends	How babies grow Understanding a baby's needs Outside body changes Inside body changes Family stereotypes Challenging my ideas Preparing for transition

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Ages 8-9	Being part of a class team Being a school citizen Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council) Rewards and consequences Group decision-making Having a voice What motivates behaviour	Challenging assumptions Judging by appearance Accepting self and others Understanding influences Understanding bullying Problem-solving Identifying how special and unique everyone is First impressions	Hopes and dreams Overcoming disappointment Creating new, realistic dreams Achieving goals Working in a group Celebrating contributions Resilience Positive attitudes	Healthier friendships Group dynamics Smoking Alcohol Assertiveness Peer pressure Celebrating inner strength	Jealousy Love and loss Memories of loved ones Getting on and Falling Out Girlfriends and boyfriends Showing appreciation to people and animals	Being unique Confidence in change Accepting change Preparing for transition Environmental change
Ages 9-10	Planning the forthcoming year Being a citizen Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences How behaviour affects groups Democracy, having a voice, participating	Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict Racism Rumours and name-calling Types of bullying Material wealth and happiness Enjoying and respecting other cultures	Future dreams The importance of money Jobs and careers Dream job and how to get there Goals in different cultures Supporting others (charity) Motivation	Smoking, including vaping Alcohol Alcohol and anti-social behaviour Emergency aid Body image Relationships with food Healthy choices Motivation and behaviour	Self-recognition and self-worth Building self-esteem Safer online communities Rights and responsibilities online Online gaming and gambling Reducing screen time Dangers of online grooming SMARTT internet safety rules	Self- and body image Influence of online and media on body image Puberty for girls Puberty for boys Growing responsibility Coping with change Preparing for transition
Ages 10-11	Identifying goals for the year Global citizenship Children's universal rights Feeling welcome and valued Choices, consequences and rewards Group dynamics Democracy, having a voice Anti-social behaviour Role-modelling	Perceptions of normality Understanding disability Power struggles Understanding bullying Inclusion/exclusion Differences as conflict, difference as celebration Empathy	Personal learning goals, in and out of school Success criteria Emotions in success Making a difference in the world Motivation Recognising achievements Compliments	Taking personal responsibility How substances affect the body Exploitation, including 'county lines' and gang culture Emotional and mental health Managing stress	Mental health Identifying mental health worries and sources of support Love and loss Managing feelings Power and control Assertiveness Technology safety Take responsibility with technology use	Self-image Body image Puberty and feelings Reflections about change Physical attraction Respect and consent Boyfriends/girlfriends Transition

Areas of Responsibility:

Head Teacher and Governors

- Ensure the framework is followed and monitored;
- Ensure that this policy is made available to parents;
- Teaching Staff:
 - Implement this policy with the guidance of senior leaders in the school;
 - Ensure that the policy is followed in applied practice;
 - Liaise with the governors on the teaching of RHE and (Sex Education) in school as required;
- Ensure that the SENDCO and/or PSHE lead are adequately trained to support delivery in ALL aspects of the RSE 2020 guidance;
- Liaise with parents and feedback any concerns, following the school's usual procedures; and
- Respond to the needs of pupils, following the school's usual procedures.

Specific Issues

Confidentiality

Pupils will be informed that as with any other safeguarding issue, confidentiality cannot always be assured and the school will follow the usual procedures for keeping children safe and protected from harm (please refer to school's safeguarding procedures).

Changing Facilities for Physical Education; Upper Key Stage 2

In our school we ensure that pupils are offered privacy when changing for physical education. Separate facilities will be offered to maintain privacy and self-esteem.

Answering Difficult Questions

If a pupil asks a difficult question during a whole class session, staff will be expected to answer honestly and factually.

- Where possible, pupils will be encouraged to use the question box approach which can be used as a distancing technique to prevent over exposure of concepts outside of the learning objectives. The class teacher is responsible for dealing with all content within 24 hours of lesson delivery;
- Pupils' questions will be answered according to their level of maturity and understanding, with support from parents;
- The programme will be designed to focus on boys as much as girls and activities will be planned to ensure both are actively involved, matching their different learning styles;
- Teachers will focus heavily on the importance of healthy relationships; and
- Responses to questions answered need to follow the school's policy. Any concerns raised should be discussed with a senior leader or DSL, depending on the concern.

Working with Parents

The school has established a strong working partnership with parents through consultation and support. The school recognises that parents are key educators and maintain a vital role in providing education about relationships and growing up, and therefore aims to support parents in this role. On an annual basis parents will be specifically informed about the discrete lessons on sex education and provided with the opportunity to view resources and discuss the teaching content before any delivery takes place.

Parents will be consulted when this Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education Policy is reviewed. Details of the specific lessons and teaching materials can be made available on request. Parents can raise questions on this policy in writing, by phone or by making an appointment with Mrs Gemma Webster or Mrs Hannah Cook.

Parent Withdrawal

Parents have a right to withdraw their child from sex education lesson(s) that are additional to that covered in science but not from Relationships and Health Education lessons.

Where a pupil is withdrawn from sex education, the class teacher will ensure that the pupil receives alternative appropriate education, which may include the child working on an alternative project. In some cases, parents may be asked to come into school and supervise their child on an alternative project, but this would be discussed on an individual basis.

Any complaints will be addressed through the school's complaints procedure.

Provision for Menstruation

Mrs Gemma Webster will be available to support pupils and will have all the necessary resources

Sanitary disposal units are situated in the Key Stage Two toilets, the BKC toilets, and the female staff toilets.

Other related documents & policies

- Education Act 2002
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019
- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- Equality Act 2010
- Science Curriculum KS1 & KS2
- Children and Social Work Act 2017
- Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019
- OFSTED School Inspection Handbook 2019
- Relationship & Health Education Statutory Guidance 2019 (DfE)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

Equal Opportunities/Inclusivity

The school's Relationships and Health [and sex] Education Policy and programme will reflect the ethos of the school, by providing a secure, non-judgemental environment in which to learn, in accordance with any protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010.

Monitoring and Evaluation

This policy will be managed by the PSHE coordinator and Pastoral Lead; an appointed governor will be responsible to ensure that the programme is evaluated and impact reported to the governing board.

The policy will be reviewed annually.

Dissemination of the Policy

A summary of this policy will appear in the school prospectus and on the website. Parents will be supplied with a full copy on request. The policy will be communicated to all staff and governors.