



# Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSE) Policy September 2024

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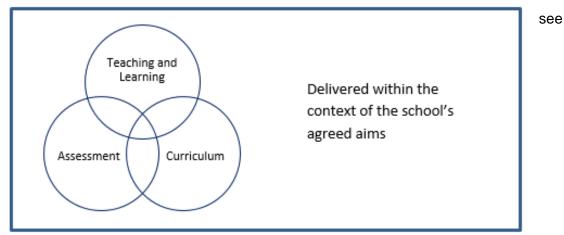
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#### 1 Introduction and aims

Schools and colleges play a crucial role in preventative education. Preventative education is most effective in the context of a whole-school or college approach that prepares pupils and students for life in modern Britain and creates a culture of zero tolerance for sexism, misogyny/misandry, homo/bi/trans phobia and sexual violence/harassment. This policy applies to all students, including those in the Early Years.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education supports our school ethos and fulfils our school aims, which are defined as:

- To stretch and challenge each student to achieve the best they can as an individual learner
- To celebrate our diversity and encourage passions through our enhanced curriculum
- To ensure a sense of wellbeing through belonging, representation, and inclusion in a safe and happy learning environment
- 1.1 This policy forms part of the curriculum.
- 1.2 We the



curriculum as, 'The total learning experience for our students, which includes not only the taught lessons but also the routines, behaviours, events, activities and other opportunities that our students experience on a daily, weekly and yearly basis in order to ensure that all of them make the best progress possible and attain high standards'.

1.3 A well-structured and coherent curriculum is a fundamental element of the tripartite education that underpins all successful schools and includes Teaching, Learning and Assessment (see model below) and is underpinned by Wellbeing.

The aims of RSE at our school are to:

- 1.4 Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place.
- 1.5 Prepare students for puberty, give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene.
- 1.6 Help students develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy.

- 1.7 Create a positive culture around sexuality and relationships.
- 1.8 Teach students the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies.
- 1.9 Help students understand that healthy relationships are an important part of wellbeing.
- 1.10 Prevent students from becoming involved in child-on-child abuse, and /or experiencing harm in school/in the community

#### 2 Statutory requirements

- 2.1 Our policy follows the statutory guidance given by the government (DfE) and meets the requirements of the Independent School Standards. Aspects of RSE are infused within the day to day operation of our school; incorporated through the curriculum, both in content included in subject schemes of work and through other planned learning opportunities in the school. They are captured in our written aims and expressed in the ethos and behaviours of everyone.
- 2.2 As a Preparatory School, we must ensure that every registered student who is provided with primary education at the school is provided with relationships education, in accordance with section 34 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and the Independent School Standards

At Hendon Preparatory School, we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

#### 3 Policy development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, students and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

- Review The PSHE Lead reviewed all relevant information, including but not limited to, relevant national and local guidance including regard to the school's obligations under the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010, (including the Public Sector Equality Duty), and their local multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
- The policy was drafted in accordance with statutory guidance and aligned with the Independent School Regulations/BSO Standards. The school curriculum plans were amended accordingly.
- Staff consultation school staff were given the opportunity to review the policy and make recommendations.
- Parent/stakeholder consultation parents and any interested parties were invited to attend a meeting about the policy and offer commentary.
- Student consultation students were consulted with about their RSE lessons in school council meeting along with HOD PSHE.
- Ratification once amendments were made, the policy was published.
- Policy review this policy will be reviewed in September 2027.

#### 4 Definition

- 4.1 RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of students, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.
- 4.2 RSE involves a combination of sharing information and exploring issues and values.
- 4.3 RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity, sexual orientation, or a specific sexual identity.

#### 5 Curriculum

- 5.1 Our curriculum is set out in Appendix 1, but we may need to adapt this as and when necessary.
- 5.2 We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, students and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of students.

Sex education is not compulsory in primary schools. However, additional content on sex education is taught via the ISEB Science curriculum to meet the needs of our students in Year 5.

- 5.3 Primary sex education will focus on:
  - Preparing all students for the changes that adolescence brings; and
  - How a baby is conceived and born.

#### It will:

- i. consider the ages, aptitudes and needs of all pupils, including those pupils with SEND/ and an EHC plan.
- ii. not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs; and
- iii. ensure that discriminatory, extremist opinions or behaviours are challenged as a matter of routine.
- 5.4 For more information about our curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2 and our Curriculum Policy

#### 6 Delivery of RSE

- 6.1 Our RSE is taught as part of our PSHE curriculum. The PSHE course is delivered to all students through discrete PSHE lessons taught by our teachers. There is one lesson of taught PSHE a week. Elements of the programme may be supported through the bringing in of additional expertise, such as outside speakers, trained health professionals, or the use of teachers with a particular interest or knowledge in a specific area. In addition to these discrete sessions, PSHE is also embedded within the curriculum (e.g. social issues through the teaching of English Literature; Health through Biology and PE; Citizenship through History & RE). There are also centrally organised sessions which supplement the delivery in house.
- 6.2 Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, including:
  - Families and people who care for me
  - Caring friendships
  - · Respectful relationships
  - Online relationships
  - Being safe

- 6.3 For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2 and our curriculum

  Policy.
- 6.4 These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life, taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances (families can include single parent families, LGBTQ+ parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures), along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

#### 7 Roles and responsibilities

#### Staff & Governance

#### 7.1 PSHE Lead Teacher

The person with responsibility for the overview and yearly evaluation of this policy is the head of PHSE and the head teacher. However, all staff are responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented and acted on.

When evaluating the use and impact of this policy, our school leaders will evaluate the extent to which there is evidence of a curriculum which:

- Fulfils the aims of the school:
- Embeds aspiration, attributes and the expectation to achieve high standards and high rates of progress; and
- Provides engagement and excitement for learning.

#### 7.2 The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the school, and for managing requests to withdraw students from [non-statutory/non-science] components of RSE (see section 8).

#### 7.3 The Chair of Governors

The Chair of Governors will hold the Headteacher to account for the implementation of this policy.

The Chair of Governors will ensure that:

- all pupils make progress in achieving the expected educational outcomes;
- the subjects are well led, effectively managed and well planned;
- the quality of provision is subject to regular and effective self-evaluation;
- teaching is delivered in ways that are accessible to all pupils with SEND (see below);
- Teaching is sensitive to the needs of all students with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010
- clear information is provided for parents on the subject content and the right to request that their child is withdrawn; and,
- the subjects are resourced, staffed and timetabled in a way that ensures that the school can fulfil its legal obligations.

#### 7.4 **Staff**

Staff are responsible for:

Delivering RSE in a sensitive way;

- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE;
- Monitoring progress;
- · Responding to the needs of individual students; and
- Responding appropriately to students whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the [non-statutory/non-science] components of RSE.

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the Head of School.

#### 8 Students

Students are expected to engage fully in RSE and, when discussing issues related to RSE, treat others with respect and sensitivity.

#### 8.1.1 Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Our curriculum is inclusive and our RSE and Health Education is accessible for all students. For those pupils with special educational needs or specific learning difficulties, the school has a well-established Learning Support department, led by the SENDCO. Further details of this provision can be found in our Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Policy.

High quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised will be the starting point to ensure accessibility.

As set out in the SEND code of practice, when teaching these subjects to those with SEND, Hendon Preparatory School is mindful of preparing students for adulthood.

Hendon Preparatory School is aware that some pupils are more vulnerable to exploitation, bullying and other issues due to the nature of their SEND. Relationships Education and RSE can also be particularly important subjects for some pupils; for example those with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs or learning disabilities. Such factors will be taken into consideration in designing and teaching these subjects.

#### 9 Parents' right to withdraw

- 9.1 If parents require more information on RSE for primary aged children, this is a useful information source of information for them: <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/812593/RSE\_primary\_schools\_guide\_for\_parents.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/812593/RSE\_primary\_schools\_guide\_for\_parents.pdf</a>
- 9.2 Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the [non-statutory/non-science] components of sex education within RSE.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the Head of School.

Alternative work will be given to students who are withdrawn from sex education.

#### 10 Training

- 10.1 Staff are trained on the delivery of RSE as part of their induction and it is included in our continuing professional development programme. We use the Jigsaw SoW and resources from the PSHE Association
- 10.2 The Head of School will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

#### 11 Monitoring arrangements

- 11.1 The delivery of RSE is monitored by Head of PSHE and Head of School through: work scrutiny, lesson observations learning walks, etc.
- 11.2 Students' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

# 12 Appendix 1: Curriculum Map

12.1 Relationships and Sex Education Curriculum Map

YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC DETAIL	RESOURCES

Year 1	Summer	Relationships	Jigsaw scheme of work
itai I	Summer	<ul> <li>Families: identify members of the family and know there are lots of different types of families</li> <li>Making friends: trying to solve friendship issues when they occur</li> <li>Greetings: know appropriate ways of physical contact to greet my friends and know which ways I prefer</li> <li>People who help us: I know who can help me in my school community</li> <li>Being my own best friend: I can recognise my qualities as person and a friend</li> <li>Celebrating my special relationships: I can tell you why I appreciate someone who is special to me</li> </ul>	Jigsaw scrienie di work
		<ul> <li>Changing me</li> <li>Life cycles: I am starting to understand the life cycles of animals and humans</li> <li>Changing me: I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same</li> <li>My changing body: I can tell you how my body has changed since I was a baby</li> <li>Boys and Girls bodies: I can identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and can use the correct names for these: penis, testicles, vagina</li> <li>Learning and growing: I understand that every time I learn something new I change a little bit</li> <li>Coping with changes: I can tell you about changes that have happened in my life</li> </ul>	

Year 2	Summer	Polationships	Jigsaw scheme of work
		<ul> <li>Families: I can identify the different members of my family, understand my relationship with each of them and know why it is important to share and cooperate</li> <li>Keeping safe- exploring physical contact: I understand that there are lots of forms of physical contact within a family and that some of this is acceptable and some is not</li> <li>Friends and conflict: I can identify some of the things that cause conflict with my friends</li> <li>Secrets: I understand that sometimes it is good to keep a secret</li> <li>Trust and appreciation: I recognise and appreciate people who can help me in my family, my school and my community</li> <li>Celebrating my special relationships: I can express</li> </ul>	
		my appreciation for the people in my special relationships  Changing me Life cycles in nature: I can recognise cycles of life in nature Growing from young to old: I can tell you about the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is not in my control The changing me: I can recognise how my body has changed since I was a baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old Boys and Girls bodies: I can recognise the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, testicles, vagina) and appreciate that some parts of my body are private	

	<ul> <li>Assertiveness: I understand there are different types of touch and can tell you which ones I like and don't like</li> </ul>	

YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC DETAIL	RESOURCES
		Looking ahead: I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 3	

Year 3	Summer	<ul> <li>Family roles and responsibilities: I can identify the roles and responsibilities of each member of my family and can reflect on the expectations for males and females</li> <li>Friendship: I can identify and put into practice some of the skills of friendship eg. Taking turns, being a good listener</li> <li>Keeping myself safe: I know and can use some strategies for keeping myself safe</li> <li>Being a global citizen 1 and 2: I can explain how some of the actions and work of people around the world help and influence my life, I understand how my needs and rights are shared by children around the world and can identify how our lives may be different.</li> <li>Celebrating my web of relationships: I know how to express my appreciation to my friends and family</li> <li>Sharing online/chatting online appear- I know how to stay safe online.</li> </ul>	Jigsaw scheme of work PSHE association https://www.internetmatters.org/schoolsesafty/ Servives for Education: Bits and Bobs lessons
		<ul> <li>Changing me</li> <li>How babies grow: I understand that in animals and humans lots of changes happen between conception and growing up, and that usually it is the female who has the baby</li> <li>Babies and growing up: I understand how babies grow and develop in the mother's uterus I understand what a baby needs to live and grow</li> <li>Outside body changes: I understand that boys' and girls' bodies need to change so that when they</li> </ul>	

		grow up their bodies can make babies I can identify how boys' and	
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YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC DETAIL	RESOURCES
		girls' bodies change on the outside during this growing up process  Inside body changes: I can identify how boys' and girls' bodies change on the inside during the growing up process and can tell you why these changes are necessary so that their bodies can make babies when they grow up  Family stereotypes: I can start to recognise stereotypical ideas I might have about parenting and family roles Looking ahead: I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 4	

Year 4	Summer	<ul> <li>Jealousy: I can identify feelings associated with jealousy and suggest strategies to problem-solve when this happens</li> <li>Love and loss: I know how most people feel when they lose someone or something they love</li> <li>Memories: I understand that we can remember people even if we no longer see them</li> <li>Getting on falling out: I know how to stand up for myself and how to negotiate and compromise</li> <li>Boyfriends and girlfriends: I understand that boyfriend/girlfriend relationships are personal and special, and there is no need to feel pressurised into having a boyfriend/ girlfriend</li> <li>Celebrating my relationships with people and animals: I can love and be loved</li> <li>Sharing online/chatting online appear to know how to stay safe online</li> </ul>	Jigsaw scheme of work PSHE association https://www.internetmatters.org/schoolsesafety/ https://www.always.co.uk/en-gb/aboutus/campaigns-and-initiatives/pubertyeducation-programme/primary-schoolsresources/ Servives for Education: Bits and Bobs lessons
		<ul> <li>Changing me:</li> <li>Unique me: I appreciate that I am a truly unique human being</li> <li>Having a baby: I understand that having a baby is a personal choice and can express how I feel about having children when I am an adult</li> <li>Girls and puberty- I have strategies to help me cope with the physical and emotional changes I will experience during puberty</li> <li>Circles of change: I am confident enough to try to make changes when I think they will benefit me</li> <li>Accepting change: I can express my fears and concerns about changes that are outside of my</li> </ul>	

		control and know how to manage these feelings positively	
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YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC DETAIL	RESOURCES
		Looking ahead: I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 5. I can reflect on the changes I would like to make next year and can describe how to go about this.	

Year 5	Summer	Relationships     Recognising me: I know how to keep building my own self- esteem     Safety with online communities: I can recognise when an online community feels unsafe or uncomfortable	Jigsaw scheme of work PSHE association https://www.internetmatters.org/schoolsesafe ty/ https://www.always.co.uk/en- gb/aboutus/campaigns-and-
		<ul> <li>Being in an online community: I can recognise when an online community is helpful or unhelpful to me</li> <li>Online gaming: I can recognise when an online game is becoming unhelpful or unsafe</li> <li>Relationships and technology and screen time: I can identify things I can do to reduce screen time, so my health isn't affected</li> <li>Relationships and Technology: I can recognise and resist pressures to use technology in ways that may be risky or may cause harm to myself or others</li> <li>E-Safety: cyberbullying</li> </ul>	initiatives/pubertyeducation-programme/primary-schoolsresources/
		<ul> <li>Changing me</li> <li>Self and body image: I am aware of my own self-image and how my body image fits into that</li> <li>Puberty for girls- single sex groups:I can explain how a girl's body changes during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally</li> <li>Puberty for boys- single sex groups: I can describe how boys' and girls' bodies change during puberty</li> <li>Conception- single sex groups: I understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception and that</li> </ul>	

	is how babies are usually made I also understand that sometimes people need IVF to help them have a baby	

YEAR GROUP TERM	м то	PIC DETAIL	RESOURCES
		<ul> <li>Looking ahead 1: I can identify what I am looking forward to about becoming a teenager and understand this brings growing responsibilities (age of consent)</li> <li>Looking ahead 2: I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 6 I can start to think about changes I will make next year and know how to go about this.</li> </ul>	

Year 6	Summer	<ul> <li>What is mental health? I understand that people can get problems with their mental health and that it is nothing to be ashamed of</li> <li>My mental health: I can help myself and others when worried about a mental health problem</li> <li>Love and loss: I can recognise when I am feeling those emotions and have strategies to manage them</li> <li>Power and control: I can demonstrate ways I could stand up for myself and my friends in situations where others are trying to gain power or control</li> <li>Being online: Real or fake? Safe or unsafe?: I can resist pressure to do something online that might hurt myself or others</li> <li>Being safe with technology 1 &amp; 2: I can take responsibility for my own safety and well-being • E-safety: cyber- bullying</li> </ul>	Jigsaw scheme of work PSHE association https://www.internetmatters.org/schoolsesatty/ https://www.always.co.uk/en-gb/aboutus/campaigns-and-initiatives/pubertyeducation-programme/primary-schoolsresources/
		<ul> <li>Changining me</li> <li>My self image: I know how to develop my own self esteem</li> <li>Puberty: I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty</li> <li>Babies- conception to birth: I can recognise how I feel when I reflect on the development and birth of a baby</li> <li>Boyfriends and Girlfriends: I understand that respect for one another is essential in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, and that I should</li> </ul>	

	not feel pressured into doing something I don't want to  Real self and ideal self: I can express how I feel about my self-image and know how to challenge negative 'body-talk'	

YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC DETAIL	RESOURCES
		The Year Ahead: I know how to prepare myself emotionally for the changes next year.	

# PSHE Curriculum overview 2024-25

Stretch, Diversity, Inclusion

Year group	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Pre school	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum
Recep tio n	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum	EYFS Curriculum
Year 1	Being me in the word  • Special and  safe • My class • Rights and  responsibiliti es • Rewards  and feeling  proud • Consequenc es • Owning our own  learning charter  Black History month	Celebrating differences – including anti- bullying – Anti bullying week – odd socks.  • The same  as • Different from • What is  bullying? • What do I do about bullying? • Making new friends? • Celebrating difference: celebrating me	Dreams and Goals  • My treasure chest of success • Steps to goals • Achieving together • Stretchy  learning • Overcoming obstacles • Celebrating my success  -  Celebrating women's  day/ exploring influential	Healthy me	Relationships	Changing me     Life cycles     Changing me     My     changing body     Boys and     Girls bodies     Learning and growing     Coping with changes

Year 2	Being me in the word	Celebrating differences –	women from the past and present  Dreams and Goals Goals to success	Healthy me • Being healthy	Relationships • Families- explore	Changing me • Life cycles in nature
	<ul> <li>Hopes and fears for the year</li> <li>Rights and responsibiliti es</li> <li>Rewards and consequenc</li> <li>es x 2</li> <li>Our learning charter</li> <li>Owning our learning charter</li> <li>Black History month</li> </ul>	including antibullying Anti bullying week – odd socks.  • Boys and  girls x2 • Why does  bullying happen? • Standing up for myself  and others • Gender  diversity • Celebrating differences  and still being  friends	My learning strengths     Learning      with others     A group challenge     Continuing our group challenge     Celebrating our achievement     Celebrating women's      day/ exploring influential      women from the past and present	<ul> <li>Being</li> <li>relaxed- Mental health week</li> <li>Medicine safety</li> <li>Healthy</li> <li>eating x 2</li> <li>Happy</li> <li>healthy me</li> </ul>	difference dynamics LGBT Pride month  • Keeping safe- exploring physical  contact • Friends and  conflict • Secrets • Trust and appreciation • Celebrating my special relationship s	Growing from young to old     The     changing me     Boys and     Girls bodies     Assertiven ess     Looking ahead

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Year 3	Being me in the word  Getting to know each other  Our  nightmare  school  Our dream school  Rewards and  consequenc es	Celebrating differences – including anti- bullying Anti bullying week – odd socks.  • Families • Family  conflict • Witness  and feelings • Witness and solutions	Dreams and Goals	Being fit and healthy x2-Mental health week     What do I know about drugs?     Being safe     Safe or unsafe	Relationships	Changing me
	Our learning charter     Owning our learning charter  Black History month	Words that harm     Celebrating differences: compliment     s	Celebrating my     learning     Celebrating     women's     day/ exploring     influential     women from     the past and     present	• My amazing body	relationship s • Sharing  online/chatti ng online appear to know how  to stay safe  online • explore  difference dynamics LGBT Pride month	

Year 4	Being me in the word  Becoming a class Team  Being a school citizen  Rights, responsibiliti es and Democracy Rewards and consequenc es  Our learning charter Owning our learning charter Black History month	Celebrating differences – including anti- bullying Anti bullying week – odd socks.  Judging appearance  s  Understandi ng influences Understandi ng bullying Problem solving Special me Celebrating differences: How we	Dreams and Goals  Hopes and dreams  Broken dreams  Overcoming disappointm ent  Creating new dreams  Achieving goals  We did it! Celebrating  women's day/ exploring influential women from the  past and present	Healthy me  • My friends and me  • Group dynamics  • Smoking  • Alcohol  • Healthy  friendships  • Celebrating my inner strengths and assertivene ss Mental  health week	Relationships     Jealousy     Love and  loss     Memories     Getting on  falling out     Boyfriends and  girlfriends     Celebrating my  relationship  s with people and  animals     Sharing  online/chatti ng online appear to know how	Changing me  Unique me Having a baby Girls and puberty- single sex groups Circles of change Accepting change Looking ahead
Y e ar 5	<ul><li>My year ahead</li><li>Being a</li><li>b</li></ul>	Celebrating ifferences – including nti- bullying Anti ullying week – odd ocks.	Dreams and Goals  • When I grow up  • Investigate jobs and	Healthy me • Smoking • Alcohol	to stay safe online explore difference dynamics LGBT Pride month  Relationships • Recognising me • Safety with online	Changing me • Self and body image

Being a global citizen 1 and  2 The learning charter Our learning charter Owning our learning charter Black History month	bullying week – odd socks.  • Am I normal?  • Understanding differences  • Power  struggles  • Why bully  • Celebrating differences x 2	Steps to success My dream for the world Helping to make a difference x 2 Recognising ur achievement s Celebrating women's day/ exploring influential women from the past and present	health     and     wellbeing     Drugs     Exploitat     io n     Gangs     Emotion     al and     mental     health-     Mental     health     week     Managin     g     stress	<ul> <li>My mental health</li> <li>Love and loss         Power and</li> <li>control         Being</li> <li>online: Real or fake?         Safe or unsafe?         Being safe with</li> <li>technology         1 &amp; 2 E-safety         explore</li> <li>difference dynamics         LGBT Pride month</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Babies:         birth to         conceptio         n         Boyfriend         s and         girlfriends         Real self         and ideal         self         anhead</li> </ul>
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# 13 Appendix 2: By the end of primary school, students should know:

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Families and people who care about me	<ul> <li>That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability</li> <li>The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives</li> <li>That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care</li> <li>That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up</li> <li>That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong</li> <li>How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed</li> </ul>
Caring friendships	<ul> <li>How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends</li> <li>The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties</li> <li>That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded</li> <li>That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right</li> <li>How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed</li> </ul>

TOPIC STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW

Respectful relationships	<ul> <li>The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs</li> <li>Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships • The conventions of courtesy and manners</li> <li>The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness</li> <li>That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority</li> <li>About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help</li> <li>What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive</li> <li>The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults</li> </ul>
Online relationships	<ul> <li>That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not</li> <li>That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous</li> <li>The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them</li> <li>How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met</li> <li>How information and data is shared and used online</li> </ul>
Being safe	<ul> <li>What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)</li> <li>About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe</li> <li>That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact</li> <li>How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know</li> <li>How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult</li> <li>How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard</li> <li>How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so</li> <li>Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources</li> </ul>

TOPIC	STUDENTS SHOULD KNOW
Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health	How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women That there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others That they have a choice to delay sex or to enjoy intimacy without sex The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage That there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help) How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing About the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment How the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment

# 14 Appendix 3: Parent form: Withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS					
Name of child		Class			
Name of parent		Date			
Reason for withdraw	ring from sex education within	relationships a	nd sex education		
Any other information	Any other information you would like the school to consider				
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Parent signature					

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL			
Agreed actions from discussion with parents	Include notes from discussions with parents and agreed actions taken.  Eg: X will be taking part in all relationships lessons and during the sex education lessons, they will be working independently on a project in the Year 5 classroom		

### 15 Appendix 4: DfE RSE Statutory Guidance Suggested Resources

Link to Annex B (page 46) in DfE Relationship Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education guidance – Suggested resources:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/805781/Relationships\_Education\_Relationships\_and\_Sex\_Education\_RSE\_and\_Health\_Educ ation.pdf

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	SEND Policy
	EAL Policy
	Prevent Duty
	Early Years Policy, where relevant
	Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures
	Independent School Standards