



Witchampton CE VA First School

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (SRE) POLICY for KS1 and KS2

Introduction

We believe SRE is an integral part of the lifelong learning process, beginning in early childhood and continuing into adult life. We believe it should encourage personal and social development, foster self-esteem, self-awareness, a sense of moral responsibility, and the confidence and ability to resist abuse and unwanted sexual experience.

In our school we believe SRE is an integral part of Personal Social Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) and will be delivered within an age appropriate programme. Our aim is that SRE will help to give young people the skills, understanding and knowledge they need to lead confident, healthy, independent lives, to help them become informed, active and responsible citizens.

Rights of withdrawal

Opportunities exist throughout the statutory curriculum to provide SRE. The school would prefer parents to play a part in this sometimes sensitive area by being informed and involved in the development of the schools SRE programme so they can continue discussions at home. However, in the event of any parent or carer wishing to withdraw their child from some, or the entire curriculum, they are asked to inform the Headteacher in writing. In the event of this happening the parent/carer will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss any concerns with the school. Following this discussion any parent or carer still wishing to exercise their rights to withdraw their child should be reassured that appropriate alternative arrangements would be agreed and organised by the school.

Content Headings for the Programme

Please refer to PSHCE SRE curriculum for guidance.

Organisation

Mrs Sarah Alfazema is presently the staff member who has the designated coordinator role for SRE. Our schools link governor for SRE is Mrs Heather Lowe. We have a dedicated team who deliver lessons in SRE, including provision from outside agencies, where appropriate, with aspects also delivered in science and religious education, promoting a whole school approach to emotional and social development.

SRE will be delivered within an age appropriate programme.

We have achieved/ are working towards targets set by the Enhanced Healthy Schools Programme.

Statement about Sensitive Issues

Discussion will be encouraged at all times with ground rules regarding personal questions established.

We shall attempt to deal with questions in a sensitive, open, frank and matter of fact way. Questions regarding homosexuality, sexually transmitted infections and contraception will be answered appropriately if raised.

If child protection issues arise the schools Child Protection procedures will be initiated, all staff are aware of these procedures and are regularly updated (see Child Protection Policy).

When outside agencies provide classroom sessions they must be aware of and follow the confidentiality policy of the school.

Working with Parents

We believe working with parents is vital and will ensure a positive effort is made to inform and involve parents in the development and review of the schools sex and relationship programme as part of an on going process.

This policy is available for inspection by parents, via the schools website and on site access. Information regarding SRE content will be made available at parent's evenings. Designated persons' available for provision of advice to parents are the PHSE Coordinator Mrs Alfazema and the school nurse Lucy_____

Monitoring and Evaluation

Pupils evaluation will take place using a Dorset wide method of evaluation (see SRE Guidance). This will be carried out at the end of each module. These results will inform teaching strategies and enhance future programmes.

The SRE team and governors will meet regularly to discuss issues and allow time for CPD.

Parents will be consulted annually during the revision of this policy and opportunity to discuss issues related to SRE will be available at parents evenings, or directly via the PSHE coordinator.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the schools Child Protection Policy, anti-bullying Policy and the County SRE Guidance.

