Relationships and Sex Education Policy

Wellington Primary School



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1. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

As a Rights Respecting School, we uphold the articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The following underpin this policy:

Article 2 (non-discrimination): Every child has the right to be treated equally and with respect.

Article 13 (freedom of expression): Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to find out information.

Article 19 (Protection from violence, abuse and neglect): Every child has the right to be protected from harm.

2. Aims

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are:

- > To help children develop positive and healthy relationships appropriate to their age and development, including healthy online relationships.
- > To support children to have positive self-esteem and body image.
- > To enable children to understand and respect their bodies.

> To empower children to be safe and safeguarded, and help children know how to seek help if they feel unsafe.

At Wellington Primary School we aim to teach RSE in accordance with our school aims and values.

Our pupils will strive to achieve their best in a happy and stimulating environment.

A happy and stimulating environment is one where pupils are confident to share their thoughts, ideas and worries in an atmosphere of tolerance and respect.

We will deliver content which is age appropriate and respectful of faith and diversity.

3. Statutory requirements

Schools are required to comply with relevant requirements of the Equality Act 2010. Further guidance is available for schools in <u>The Equality Act 2010 and school's</u> <u>advice.</u> The DfE guidance states that schools should pay particular attention to the Public sector equality duty (PSED). Under the provisions of the Equality Act, schools must not unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of their age, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, or sexual orientation (collectively known as the protected characteristics).

Schools must also make reasonable adjustments to alleviate disadvantage and be mindful of the <u>SEND Code of Practice</u> when planning for these subjects.

As a maintained primary school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the <u>Children and Social work act 2017.</u>

Further information on the new requirements can be found in the statutory guidance <u>Relationships Education: Relationships Education and Sex Education RSE and</u> <u>Health Education (DfE 2019)</u>.

"Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way."

"This is why we have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools in England...as well as making Health Education compulsory in all state-funded schools."

"In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy."

"These subjects represent a huge opportunity to help our children and young people develop. The knowledge and attributes gained will support their own, and others' wellbeing and attainment and help young people to become successful and happy adults who make a meaningful contribution to society."

(Secretary of State Foreword, DfE Guidance 2019 p.4-5)

"Schools are free to determine how to deliver the content set out in the DfE guidance 2019 in the context of a broad and balanced curriculum. Effective teaching in these subjects will ensure that core knowledge is broken down into units of manageable size and communicated clearly to pupils, in a carefully sequenced way, within a planned programme of lessons."

(DfE Guidance p.8)

In addition to Relationships Education, pupils are also required to learn about puberty as part of their compulsory lessons in Health Education. This is taught through both the Science and PSHE curriculum.

Sex education taught in PSHE lessons (as opposed to the content in the Science curriculum) is not compulsory in primary schools, although the Department of Education do recommend that all primary schools should have a graduated and age-appropriate sex education programme of their pupils.

(DfE Guidance p 23 and 24).

At Wellington Primary School we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

4. Policy development

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

- 1. Review the PSHE Lead teacher pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance and shared this with the Senior Leadership Team and the Chair of Governors.
- 2. Pupil consultation a survey was carried out to find out pupil opinions on RSE lessons. The results of this survey were used to inform the policy and inform the delivery of RSE in our school.
- 3. Faith groups consultation the PSHE Lead teacher liaised with members of local faith groups about how we can best support families.

- 4. Staff consultation members of staff, including the SENCo, were invited to take part in a survey and were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations.
- 5. Parent consultation parents were invited to be part of a working party. Telephone interviews then took place between the PSHE Lead teacher and every person who asked to be part of this working party. The results of this consultation informed policy development.
- 6. Ratification once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified.

5. Definitions

Relationships education is about the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships and relationships with other children and adults.

Sex education is about reproduction (how a baby is conceived and born). Parents have the right to withdraw their child(ren) from sex education lessons.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is not about the promotion of sexual activity or lifestyles.

Health education is concerned with the characteristics of good physical and mental wellbeing. It includes learning about puberty (preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings).

6. Curriculum

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary, e.g. if there are safeguarding concerns.

Relationships education will be taught in all key stages and will focus on teaching the key themes of positive relationships including:

- > Families and people who care for me
- > Caring friendships
- > Respectful relationships
- > Online relationships
- >Being safe

Primary sex education through both Science and PSHE, will be taught in Upper Key Stage 2 and will focus on:

Conception (including IVF)

> Birth

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so pupils are informed and do not seek answers online using inappropriate websites. Questions will be answered according to the age and maturity of the pupil(s) concerned. Questions do not have to be answered directly and can be addressed individually later. Teachers will use their skill and discretion in this area and can refer to the Designated Safeguarding Lead if they are concerned.

Teachers may use their discretion in responding to questions and may say (for example):

> The appropriate person to answer that is your parent

> The topic will be covered at a later stage in your Relationships Education

> The question can be discussed in a smaller group

For more information about our curriculum, see our curriculum map in Appendix 1.

7. Delivery of RSE

7.1 Jigsaw Scheme of Work

We include the statutory Relationships and Health Education within our wholeschool PSHE Programme.

To ensure progression and a spiral curriculum, we use Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE, as our chosen teaching and learning programme and tailor it to our children's needs. The mapping document: Jigsaw 3-11 and statutory Relationships and Health Education, shows exactly how our school meets the statutory Relationships and Health Education requirements.

Jigsaw covers all areas of PSHE for the primary phase including statutory Relationships and Health Education. The table below gives the learning theme of each of the six Puzzles (units) and these are taught across the school; the learning deepens and broadens every year.

| Term | Puzzle (Unit) | Content |
|-----------|---------------------------|--|
| Autumn 1: | Being Me in My World | Includes understanding my own identity and how I fit well in the class, school and global community. Jigsaw Charter established. |
| Autumn 2: | Celebrating Difference | Includes anti-bullying and understanding (includes cyber bullying and bullying linked to protected characteristics from Equality Act 2010) |
| Spring 1: | Dreams and Goals | Includes goal-setting, aspirations, who do I want to become and what would I like to do for work and to contribute to society |
| Spring 2: | Healthy Me | Includes drugs and alcohol education, self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices, sleep, nutrition, rest and exercise |
| Summer 1: | Relationships | Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills, bereavement and loss |
| Summer 2: | Changing Me | Includes Relationships and Sex Education in the context of coping positively with change |

At Wellington Primary School we allocate one hour for PSHE each week in order to teach the PSHE knowledge and skills in a developmental and age-appropriate way. Class teachers deliver the weekly lessons to their own classes.

These lessons are reinforced and enhanced in many ways, for example: Through assemblies, our praise and reward system, our Learning Charters, through relationships child to child, adult to child and adult to adult across the school. We aim to 'live' what is learnt and apply it to everyday situations in the school community.

It is important to explain that, whilst the Relationships Puzzle (unit) in Jigsaw covers most of the statutory Relationships Education, some of the outcomes are also taught elsewhere in Jigsaw, e.g. the Celebrating Difference Puzzle helps children appreciate that there are many types of family composition and that each is important to the children involved. This holistic approach ensures the learning is reinforced through the year and across the curriculum.

Teaching about respect and the protected characteristics mainly takes place in the 'Celebrating Difference' topic. Learning throughout the school focuses on similarities and differences and teaches about diversity, such as disability, racism, gender, family composition, friendships and conflict. Children in all key stages learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference'. Bullying, including cyber bullying, is an important aspect of this topic.

Specific lessons on the Equality Act and the protected characteristics, which include homophobic bullying, are introduced in Year 6. This learning focuses on respecting other children whose family looks different from our family, and not using the word 'gay' as an insult. These lessons do not promote any type of sexual activity.

For further information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

7.2 Sex Education in RSE

The DfE Guidance 2019 (p.23) recommends that all primary schools 'have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils'.

We introduce this content through our Science lessons, with additional learning and time for pupils' worries and questions discussed in our PSHE lessons. The Changing Me Unit at the end of Years 5 and 6 covers this additional content.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from some or all of this content in the PSHE curriculum. The school will inform parents of this right by parent mail before the Changing Me Puzzle is taught. Parents in Years 5 and 6 will also be invited to the school to preview the sex education materials before these sessions take place. We recommend that any parents who wish to withdraw their child view the materials at this meeting, so they are able to state what content they want their child withdrawn from. Requests for withdrawal should then be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the headteacher. Alternative PSHE work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

7.3 Equal Opportunities

The DfE Guidance 2019 (p.15) states, "Schools should ensure that the needs of all pupils are appropriately met, and that all pupils understand the importance of equality and respect. Schools must ensure that they comply with the relevant provisions of the Equality Act 2010 under which sexual orientation and gender reassignment are amongst the protected characteristics".

At Wellington Primary School we believe that Relationships Education should meet the needs of all pupils. All staff are expected to give every pupil the chance to experience, participate and achieve in their Relationships Education. Equal time and provision will be allocated for all groups although there may be occasions where children with special educational needs (SEN) are given extra support.

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, LGBT 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).

At Wellington Primary School we promote respect for all and value every individual child. We also respect the right of our children, their families and our staff, to hold beliefs, religious or otherwise, and understand that sometimes these may be in tension some aspects of Relationship, Health and Sex Education.

7.4 Special Needs

Pupils with special educational needs will be given the opportunity to fully participate in RSE lessons. Scaffolded work will be provided where necessary, to ensure all pupils gain a full understanding of the topics covered.

7.5 Visiting Speakers

Any visiting speakers to the school should be familiar with the RSE Policy. All sessions run by a visiting speaker should also be attended by a teacher familiar with the policy. Lesson content will be reviewed by the class teacher prior to the session.

8. Roles and responsibilities

8.1 The governing body

The governing body will approve the RSE policy, and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

8.2 The headteacher

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

8.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- > Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- > Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- > Monitoring progress using both formative and summative assessment
- > Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory and non-science components of RSE

8.4 Pupils

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

9. Parents' right to withdraw

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents do have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory (non-science) components of sex education within RSE.

The school will inform Year 5 and Year 6 parents of this right by parent mail before the Changing Me Puzzle is taught.

Parents in Years 5 and 6 will also be invited to the school to preview the Changing Me materials. We recommend that any parents who wish to withdraw their child view the materials at this meeting, so they are able to state how much of the content they want their child withdrawn from. Requests for withdrawal should then be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the headteacher.

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

10. Training

Staff are trained on the delivery of the RSE as part of their induction, and it is included in our continuing professional development calendar.

11. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by the PSHE Lead teacher through:

- Learning walks
- Work sampling and book looks
- Pupil voice feedback through pupil interviews and pupil questionnaires

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers and the PSHE Lead teacher as part of our internal assessment systems.

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the PSHE Lead teacher. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Governing Body.

12. Further Policies

In conjunction with this policy, please also see:

- Behaviour policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Science policy
- PSHE policy

| YR | TERM | TOPIC/THEME DETAILS | EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES USED |
|-----------|-------------|---|--|
| Year 1 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone | <section-header><section-header><text><text><image/><image/><image/><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header><section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></section-header></text></text></section-header></section-header> |
| Year 1 | Summer 1 | Relationships Belonging to a family Making friends/being a good friend Physical contact preferences People who help us Self-acknowledgement Being a good friend to myself Celebrating special relationships | Lesson 1 – Children identify who is in their family. The teacher reads a story about lots of different types of families on a different planet. Image: Construction of the teacher reads a story about lots of different types of families on a different planet. Image: Construction of the teacher reads a story about lots of different types of families on a different planet. Image: Construction of the teacher reads a story about lots of different types of planet. Image: Construction of the teacher reads a story about lots of the teacher reads a story about lots of different types of the teacher reads and the teacher reads a story about lots of the teacher different planet. Image: Construct to greet friends. They discuss holding hands with family and recognise that some children in the class like holding hands with friends and parents/carers and some children do not. Image: Construct Teacher and teacher about appropriate ways of planets and parents/carers and some children do not. Image: Construct Teacher about about appropriate ways of planets and parents/carers and some children do not. |
| Year 2 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others | Lesson 1 – Pupils looks at photographs of different children and decide who likes painting and cooking, who likes football, etc. Class discussion about how we make assumptions, e.g. all boys like football and all girls do not like football. |

Relationships and sex education curriculum map

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| Year 2 | Summer 1 | Relationships Different types of family Physical contact boundaries Friendship and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Expressing appreciation for special relationships | Lesson 1 - Children discuss why we have families and learn that families are there to protect us and love us. Children recognise that families come in different shapes and sizes and that it is perfectly normal to have a family that is different from other people.Image: Image: Imag |

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| Year 3 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Fereing Recognising how words can be hurtful Fereing Giving and receiving compliments | <text><image/><image/><image/><image/><image/><image/></text> |
| Year 3 | Summer 1 | Relationships Family roles and responsibilities Friendship and negotiation (SEP) Keeping safe online and who to go to for help Being a global citizen (SEP) Being aware of how my choices affect others (SEP) Awareness of how other children have different lives (SEP) Expressing appreciation for family and friends | <text><text><text></text></text></text> |

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| Year 4 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Challenging assumptions Judging by appearance Accepting self and others Understanding influences Understanding bullying Problem-solving Identifying how special and unique everyone is First impressions | <text></text> |
| Year 4 | Summer 1 | Relationships Jealousy [1] Love and loss [1] Memories of loved ones [1] Getting on and Falling Out Girlfriends and boyfriends [1] Showing appreciation to people and animals | Lesson 4 - Class discuss how friendships change, know to make new friends and how to manage when they all out with their friends.Image: class discuss how friendships change, know to manage when their second low to manage when they all out with their friends.Image: class discuss how friendships change, know to with their friends.Image: class discuss how friendships change, know to with their friends.Image: class discuss how friendship for to end to be class friendsImage: class discuss how it is not a thing to do to look to or to be popular.Image: class friendsImage: clas |
| Year 5 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict Racism ^[1] Rumours and name-calling | Lesson 1 – Class discussion. Sometimes people have conflicts with other people from cultures because they are unfamiliar to them and appear to be different. However, rather that allowing that to create a conflict, the person could ask a question and use the difference as a learning experience, which bring people closer together. Children consider different scenarios and decide how each could be reframed into a learning |

| YR | TERM | TOPIC/THEME DETAILS | EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES USED |
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| | | Types of bullying Material wealth and happiness Enjoying and respecting other cultures | experience. 11 A child tells another child at lunchtime that their food smells 21 A child gets called aurehan or another religious liem. 21 A child tells another child tells another religious liem. 21 A child tells another child tells an |
| Year 5 | Summer 1 | Relationships 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 SMARRT internet safety rules | Lesson 5 – Looking at our relationship with technology. Children read a story about a boy who spends too much time on his new phone. Children look at the warning signs of having too much screeen time and find solutions. Image: Children read a story about a boy who spends too much the warning signs of having too much screeen time and find solutions. Image: Children read a story about a girl called Abby who makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children design a poster to teach others the smaller to take to the story about a girl called Abby who makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children design a poster to teach others the smaller to take to the story about a girl called Abby who makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children design a poster to teach others the smaller to take to the story about a girl called Abby who makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children teat a story about a girl called Abby the makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children teat at the story about a girl called Abby the makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children teat at the story about a girl called Abby the makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children teat at the story about a girl called Abby the makes friends with someone she does not know online. Children teat at the story about a girl called Abby the story |
| Year 5 | Summer 2 | Changing Me Self- and body image[sep] Influence of online and media on body image[sep] Puberty for girls[sep] Puberty for boys[sep] Conception (including IVF) Growing responsibility[sep] | <i>Lesson 1 - Class discussion about self image, body image expectations and what is shared online and in social media.</i> |

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| | | Coping with change | Lessons 2 – 4 Are about puberty and an introduction to how babies are made. Some of these sessions are delivered in single-sex classes. Parents are invited to come and view the materials used to teach sex education in more detail. |
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| Year 6 | Autumn 2 | Celebrating Difference Perceptions of normality Understanding disability Power struggles Understanding bullying Inclusion/exclusion Differences as conflict, difference as celebration Empathy | Lesson 5 – Children learn about the Equality Act, the law that protects people's rights, even if they have differences. |
| | | | Race (A child from a different country arrives at school and is bullied.) Religion (A child makes fun of another with a different religion because of the way they look/what they are wearing.) Disability (At a theme park some disabled children get a pass to the front of a queue for a ride.) Gender (A girl joins a sports club that up until now has only allowed boys to join.) Sexuality (A boy is called gay by his classmates because he has a softly spoken voice.) Age (A parent/carer won't let their teenager stay out past 9pm because they say they are not old enough.) |

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| Year 6 | Summer 1 | Relationships Mental health | and change. T | | feelings associated with loss ario cards, those that are ith. |
| | | Identifying mental health worries and sources of | Moving house | A grandparent dying | |
| | | support | Changing schools | Losing a favourite toy | |
| | | Managing feelings | A pet dying | Having an accident which means you can't walk again | |
| | | Power and control see | Having an injury that scars your face | Breaking up with a best friend | |
| | | Technology safety | | | here children suggest rios linked to power and |
| | | | A group of girls are bullying one of their group persuades the friend to join them doesn't understand why they are doing | - classmates. Every time Ellie makes a new frie and not be Ellie's friend any more. Ellie is lone this. | ind the Ny and |
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| Year 6 | Summer 2 | Changing Me Self-image Body image Puberty and feelings Conception to birth Reflections about change Physical attraction | | ildren discuss helpful though | self-image, body image, hts. |

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| womb. Parents are invited to come into school and | | | | Lesson 2 - Puberty and addressing our worries about growing up. This session is taught in single-sex classes. |

| ΤΟΡΙϹ | PUPILS SHOULD KNOW |
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| Families and people who care about | That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each |
| me | 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 |
| | • 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 |
| | • 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 |
| | That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong |
| | How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed |
| Caring friendships | How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends |
| | • The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties |
| | That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded |
| | 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 |
| | • 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 |

Appendix 2: Relationships Education in Primary Schools DfE Guidance (2019)

| TOPIC | PUPILS SHOULD KNOW |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Respectful relationships | • 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 |
| | Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships |
| | The conventions of courtesy and manners |
| | The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| | What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive |
| | • The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults |
| Online relationships | That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not |
| | 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 |
| | The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them |
| | How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met |
| | How information and data is shared and used online |

| ΤΟΡΙϹ | PUPILS SHOULD KNOW |
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| Being safe | What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context) |
| | 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 |
| | • That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact |
| | How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know |
| | How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult |
| | How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard |
| | How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so |
| | • Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources |

Appendix 3: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

Please complete this form and give it to Mrs Norton, the Head teacher.

| TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS | | | | |
|--|-------|--|--|--|
| Name of child | Class | | | |
| Name of parent | Date | | | |
| Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education | | | | |
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| Any other information you would like the school to consider | | | | |
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| Parent signature | | | | |

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