



Policy for Relationship Education

The Department for Education has advised schools that they can delay the introduction of the statutory curriculum for Relationship and Health education until the Summer term 2021 if necessary. We have decided to delay the implementation of the revised Relationship and Health curriculum until the consultation with parents has been fully completed. This policy will therefore be revised in line with the statutory guidance, shared with parents and ratified by Governors by the end of the Spring Term 2020/2021.

Rationale

This policy provides the school's response to the Department for Education's document 'Sex and Relationship Guidance'. At Turnfurlong Infant School we believe that effective relationship education is essential if young people are to make responsible and well informed decisions about their lives. Relationship education aims to support young people through their emotional, physical and moral development.

Definition

Relationship education is about the understanding of the importance of stable and loving relationships and the values of respect, love and care in family life.

Aims

At Turnfurlong Infant School we aim to teach children to:

- Understand the importance of valuing oneself and others
- Begin to recognise the range of human emotions and ways to deal with these
- Recognise and respect the personal space of others
- Understand inappropriate contact
- Be aware of personal safety
- Know that humans develop at different rates and that human babies have particular needs that must be met
- Be able to name the parts of the body
- Appreciate ways in which people learn to live and work together: listening, discussing, sharing
- Begin to be able to co-operate with others in work and play
- Know that there are different types of family and be able to describe the roles of individuals within a family
- Know about rituals associated with birth, marriage and death and be able to talk about the emotions involved

Implementation

Relationship education will be delivered by the class teacher through the school's PSHE and Citizenship framework. The framework is delivered through four broad themes:

- Developing confidence and responsibility and making the most of pupils' abilities
- Preparing to play an active role as citizens
- Developing a healthier, safer lifestyle
- Developing good relationships and respecting differences between others

The framework does not involve pupils answering personal questions or revealing private or family situations and recognises pupils' different backgrounds and varying levels of physical and emotional maturity.

Rights of Parents

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of relationship education.

Sex education is not taught at Turnfurlong Infant School.