

# Relationships and Sex Education policy

## Calmore Junior School



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### 1. Aims

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

- › Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- › Provide a positive, safe environment that supports the development of the whole child
- › Encourage children to develop a sense of self-worth and positive attitudes to life
- › Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- › Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- › Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- › Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies

### 2. Statutory requirements

As a maintained primary school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the [Children and Social work act 2017](#).

However, we are not required to provide sex education but we do need to teach the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum.

In teaching RSE, we must have regard to [guidance](#) issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the [Education Act 1996](#).

At Calmore Junior School, we teach RSE as set out in this policy

### 3. Policy development

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

1. Senior Management pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance
2. Staff consultation - all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations
3. Parent/stakeholder consultation - parents and any interested parties were invited to attend a meeting about the policy
4. Pupil consultation - we investigated what exactly pupils want from their RSE
5. Ratification - once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified

### 4. Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

### 5. Curriculum

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary.

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 they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

Primary sex education will focus on:

- Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings
- How a baby is conceived and born

### 6. Delivery of RSE

RSE is taught within the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the science curriculum.

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

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, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures- but this is neither promoted or discouraged) along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

**We will use the online education resource KAPOW to deliver our PSHE and SRE lessons.**

*Progression of skills and knowledge*

**Safety and the changing body**

Sub-strand	Year 3		Year 4	
	Skills	Knowledge	Skills	Knowledge
<b>Being safe (including online)</b>	<p>Exploring ways to respond to cyberbullying or unkind behaviour online.</p> <p>Developing skills as a responsible digital citizen.</p> <p>Identifying things people might do near roads which are unsafe.</p> <p>Beginning to recognise unsafe digital content.</p>	<p>To understand that cyberbullying is bullying which takes place online.</p> <p>To know the signs that an email might be fake.</p> <p>To know the rules for being safe near roads.</p>	<p>Discussing how to seek help if I need to.</p> <p>Exploring what to do if an adult makes me feel uncomfortable.</p> <p>Learning about the benefits and risks of sharing information online.</p>	<p>To understand that there are risks to sharing things online.</p> <p>To know the difference between private and public.</p>
<b>Drugs, alcohol and tobacco</b>	<p>Exploring that people and things can influence me and that I need to make the right decision for me.</p> <p>Exploring choices and decisions that I can make.</p>	<p>To understand that other people can influence our choices.</p>	<p>Discussing the benefits of being a non-smoker.</p>	<p>To understand the risks associated with smoking tobacco.</p>
<b>The changing adolescent body</b>	N/A	N/A	<p>Discussing some physical and emotional changes during puberty.</p>	<p>To understand the physical changes to both male and female bodies as people grow from children to adults.</p>
<b>Basic first aid</b>	<p>Learning what to do in a medical emergency, including calling the emergency services.</p>	<p>To know that bites or stings can sometimes cause an allergic reaction.</p> <p>To know that it is important to maintain the safety of myself and others, before giving first aid.</p>	<p>Learning how to help someone who is having an asthma attack.</p>	<p>To know that asthma is a condition which causes the airways to narrow.</p>

Sub-strand	Year 5		Year 6	
	Skills	Knowledge	Skills	Knowledge
<b>Being safe (including online)</b>	Developing an understanding of how to ensure relationships online are safe.	To know the steps to take before sending a message online (using the THINK mnemonic).  To know some of the possible risks online.	Developing an understanding about the reliability of online information.  Exploring online relationships including dealing with problems.	To understand that online relationships should be treated in the same way as face to face relationships.  To know where to get help with online problems.
<b>Drugs, alcohol and tobacco</b>	Learning to make 'for' and 'against' arguments to help with decision making.	To know some strategies I can use to overcome pressure from others and make my own decisions.	Discussing the reasons why adults may or may not drink alcohol.	To understand the risks associated with drinking alcohol.
<b>The changing adolescent body</b>	Learning about the emotional changes during puberty.  Identifying reliable sources of help with puberty.	To understand the process of the menstrual cycle.  To know the names of the external sexual parts of the body and the internal reproductive organs.  To know that puberty happens at different ages for different people.	Discussing problems which might be encountered during puberty and using knowledge to help.	To understand how a baby is conceived and develops.
<b>Basic first aid</b>	Learning about how to help someone who is bleeding.	To know how to assess a casualty's condition.	Learning how to help someone who is choking.  Placing an unresponsive patient into the recovery position.	To know how to conduct a primary survey (using DRSABC).

## 7. Roles and responsibilities

### 7.1 The governing board

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

### 7.2 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-science components of RSE (see section 8).

### 7.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- › Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- › Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- › Monitoring progress
- › Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- › Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the 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 headteacher.

All teachers are responsible for teaching for teaching RSE at Calmore Junior School following advice from senior management and the PHSE Leader.

## 7.4 Pupils

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

## 8. Parents' right to withdraw

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

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the **non-science** components of sex education within RSE. The **only** lessons that parents can withdraw their children from are **some of the year 6 lessons** which explain conception and birth.

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

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

## 9. Training

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

The headteacher may also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

## 10. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by PHSE Leader through:

- Work sampling
- Pupil Interviews
- Learning Walks

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

At every review, the policy will be approved by the full governing body.

## Appendix 1: By the end of primary school pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families and people who care about me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Respectful relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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</li> <li>• 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <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>

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Being safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>

## Appendix 2: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL	
Agreed actions from discussion with parents	