



## Redwood Primary School RSE Policy 2021- Parent Consultation

Thank you for your responses to our parent consultation on our Relationships and Sex Education programme at Redwood Primary School. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response with the vast majority of parents/carers not wanting to see any changes made to the RSE policy or curriculum.

Some of the positive comments included:

*"I think that so much of the curriculum is highly important, especially for children in KS2. Internet safety is absolutely paramount in today's technologically-led world. Simply being safe online and out in the real world is vital."*

*"I think starting this from a young age and normalising talking about love, respect and sex is important."*

*"I think that school are doing great job by doing this because we don't know always how to talk with our children about topics such as menstruation and sex."*

### **FAQ**

#### **I would like some support on how to talk to my child about Relationships and Sex Education at home.**

Many parents/carers have said they would like further support with talking to their child at home about Relationships and Sex Education. Teachers will inform parents/carers about when RSE will be taught through the half-termly newsletters so that you are aware when the lessons will be taking place. In addition, resources will soon be shared on our school website to support parents/carers with difficult conversations. Class teachers are also happy to discuss any specific questions you may have regarding the lessons being taught.

#### **Can I withdraw my child from the RSE lessons?**

If you have any concerns about the RSE programme and are considering withdrawing your child from 'sex education' lessons, we would urge parents/carers to speak to the class teacher in the first instance. They will be able to discuss the content of the lessons with you and address any specific concerns you may have. If you still wish to withdraw your child from some RSE lessons, this will need to be put in writing to the school.

It is important to note that parents **do not** have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education or the programme of study as part of the requirements of the Science curriculum. The school will continue to teach the Science curriculum as set out in the National Curriculum. The changing of the adolescent body topics will be taught in mixed sex groups.

#### **Can I find out more about the content of the lessons and the terminology being used in each year group?**

Yes, you may ask the class teacher to see the teaching materials before Relationship and Sex Education is delivered to your child. This part of the curriculum will be highlighted on the half-termly curriculum letters and you will be informed when this will be taught in school.



### **I'm worried about how my autistic child will cope with these lessons. What will be put in place to support children with SEND?**

At Redwood Primary, we are committed to making reasonable adjustments wherever possible to promote accessibility and inclusivity of our curriculum. We understand that pupils with SEND or other needs (such as those with social, emotional or mental health needs) are entitled to learn about relationships and health education and the programme will be inclusive to all pupils. Teachers understand that they may need to adapt their planning and teaching methods in order to appropriately deliver the materials to pupils with SEND or other needs.

### **The RSE curriculum should take account of my beliefs and faith. For example, some families may hold the view that sex education is deemed unnecessary before the age of 18. How will you take account of these views?**

As a school, we celebrate the diversity of our school community and respect the faiths, beliefs and context of our families. We firmly believe that Relationships and Sex Education is an essential part of our curriculum if we are to give pupils the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. More than ever before, children are exposed to representations of sex and sexuality through the social culture around them. The unregulated content on the internet or social media, can mean children may be exposed to dangerous, confusing or scary content. We can prepare them for this by presenting a balanced view of positive healthy relationships to help them to be discerning and to stay safe. We are happy to share the teaching materials with parents/carers so that they can make a fully informed decision.