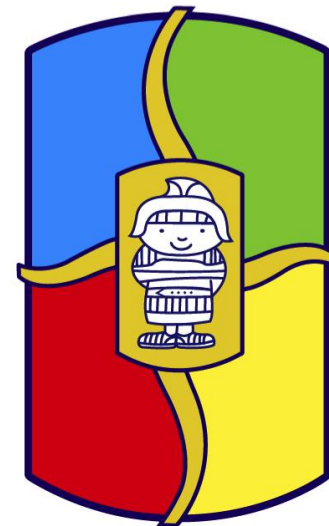


ROMAN WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH AND SEX EDUCATION



Consultation with our School Community

New Guidance

- It has been 20 years since the last review of the curriculum- the world (and how we interact with each other) has changed
- New addition is around Relationships Education in Primary Schools, <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationshipsand-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>.
- Previous recommendations for teaching Personal, Social, Health Education, are now part of the National Curriculum.
- Sex Education in Primary Schools remains optional, though in Year 5 & 6 the Science curriculum forms part of what might be considered as sex education- puberty and reproduction.



Science Curriculum

As part of the Science curriculum we teach the following statutory objectives that build understanding about growth and reproduction:

Year One

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Year Two

Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs.

Year Three and Four

No overlap

Year Five and Year Six

Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.

Recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.



Where and how did you learn about sex and relationships?

Mobile
phones



TV



Internet



School



For young people, their learning comes from...

Friends
& Older
Siblings

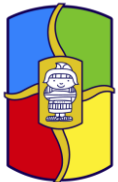


Parents &
Carers



Why is Relationships, Health and Sex Education important?

- Entitlement
- Puberty is starting earlier- for some children by age 9
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Safeguarding
 - Grooming
 - Child Sexual Exploitation
 - Abuse
 - Sexting
 - Online pornography



What is effective Relationship and Health Education (RHE) and Relationships and Sex Education (SRE)?

- Age appropriate
- Based on needs of pupil (see later slides)
- Progressive
- Inclusive
- Delivered by trained staff in a safe environment
- Prepares children adequately for puberty in a timely way
- Prepares children for adult life
- Promotes positive relationships



Ofsted review of existing RSE nationally

- Required improvements, in over a third of schools RSE was not systematic enough
- Children were not adequately prepared for puberty
- In Primary Schools, too much emphasis was placed on friendships and relationships



Your rights as a parent:

- To be informed of the RSE curriculum and policy
- To be consulted about changes to these
- To withdraw your child from Sex education lessons (that are outside of/additional to the Science National Curriculum)



Summary

- Parents have the right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons at Primary School that go **beyond** the content in the Science National Curriculum.
- Topics covered are related and linked to the Science Curriculum are statutory and not optional to teach. These are as follows:
 - In Key Stage 1, children learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They should be introduced to the concepts of reproduction and growth but not how reproduction occurs.
 - In Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5/6), children are taught about the life cycles of humans and animals, including reproduction. They also learn about the change that happen in humans from birth to old age. This includes learning about what happens in puberty.
- School's have the right and obligation to teach a RHE (with SRE) topic to prepare children for life when they leave school.
- The curriculum on Relationships and Health Education (including Sex and Relationship Education) should complement, and be supported by, the school's wider policies on behaviour, bullying and safeguarding (PSHE; E-Safety, Relationships etc).



Next Steps:

- Please look at the materials on the school website:
<https://www.romanwayprimary.org/relationship-and-health-education-rhe-at-roman-way/>
- Please respond to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HQR6V5S>

We are particularly interested in your views about when to tackle different concepts and any areas you might like further support with at home.

I am aware that there will be differences of opinion, but we will take your views into account when we finalise our policy and curriculum plan.

We will share this with you later in the summer term 2021.

Please remember that we are not proposing to teach anything that is not age appropriate.



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- At Roman Way School we are proposing to realign our school values creating S.H.I.E.L.D values that will run through the fibre of our school.
 - S.H.I.E.L.D values will be the driving force of our RHE (including SRE) learning but will be promoted across all areas of development, from academic to social and emotional spheres to ensure learners at Roman Way are developed holistically to enable children to be well rounded in each of the S.H.I.E.L.D values.

Roman Way S.H.I.E.L.D. Values

S - Safety

H - Honesty

I – Integrity

E – Excellence

L – Love

D – Determination