



Birdham CE Primary School

RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

The emphasis of sex education is strongly set within the context of a long term, meaningful relationship in adulthood. The importance of a loving family, caring for one another and the sanctity of the body is taught from the earliest years.

This policy has been compiled using the West Sussex Sex Education Guidelines as a framework.

Aims

- The focus of Sex Education Teaching is on the development, birth and growth of the baby within the loving care of its family
- At first, children's questions will be answered briefly (KS1) and then more formally and in greater detail helping children to understand the place of sex in the world around them and to understand how their bodies function.
- During Sex Education lessons the teacher will endeavour to create an atmosphere in which children:
 - a) feel comfortable, trusted and supported
 - b) feel able to contribute
 - c) support each other
 - d) use language as a tool for exploration
 - e) express their feelings.
- The school will involve parents of years 5 and 6 children informing them of the nature of the content of our Sex Education programme so that they can support their child during this time.

Method of Approach

- The answering of questions takes place at any age; the children will be given honest but brief answers.
- The importance of a loving family, caring for one another and the sanctity of the body is taught from the earliest years.
- We ensure that we meet any current National Curriculum requirements, e.g. in Science Programmes of Study, Life Processes and Humans and other animals, whilst planning our method of approach.

Organisation and Content ~ Key Stage 2 Scheme of Work

Years 5 and 6 will undertake a Health Topic about their bodies every year. This will include aspects from the Programmes of Study of the National Curriculum, Life Processes and Living Things i.e.

- 1) Life Processes
- 2) Humans and other animals

This topic will include sex education i.e.

- 1) Bodily changes before and during puberty
- 2) The gestation and birth of a baby
- 3) How and why sexual intercourse takes place.

The class teacher may use the BBC Sex Education programme to support this work.

Parents

Parents will be informed of the intention to undertake a sex education programme so that they can view the sex education DVD prior to their child. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from sex education. Staff should deal sensitively with any anxieties expressed by parents.

Resources

- Books in the school reference library.
- The Sex Education DVD and a study box both housed in the staffroom.
- The National Curriculum Key Stages 1 & 2 (Staffroom).