

Greens Norton CE School

Sex Education Policy

Introduction

At Greens Norton Primary School sex education in our school will be part of the whole school curriculum.

Sex education in our school will fulfil the requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 that the school should be one which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and within society; and
- prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

The school will work towards this aim in partnership with parents.

Aims

- to encourage an understanding of the moral framework within which all personal relationships should ideally take place
- to generate within the school an atmosphere where questions about sexuality and reproduction can be answered without embarrassment
- to elucidate the nature of human reproduction in gradually increasing detail appropriate to the age/development of the child
- to aid communication about forthcoming pubertal changes and provide reassurance that bodily changes, physical, emotional and social are normal
- to help the children to understand that they have rights and should have control over who touches their bodies

Implementation

The sex education programme will:

- provide information which is easy to understand and relevant and appropriate to the age and maturity of the children;
- include the development of communication and social skills;
- encourage the exploration and clarification of values and attitudes;
- be taught in the context of relationships

Units of work and themes will be repeated from year to year in greater depth. The content of our sex education programme is based on the HEA Primary Project for health education, the Family planning Association's Sex Education: Why, What and How? and materials and advice from NIAS.

Cross Curricular Links

Sex education is part of the school's Personal Social and Health Education programme (PSHE) which also includes issues related to drugs, alcohol, smoking, healthy living and lifestyles. Certain aspects of the National Curriculum Science programme of study also cover issues relating to sex education.

The PSHE curriculum will be delivered through:

- specific units of work or topics
- planned aspects of Science;
- integrated multi-disciplinary units of work
- Circle times
- themes in collective worship
- visits from outside agencies and speakers- NCT, school nurse, The Life Education Centre
- through story

A range of teaching and learning strategies will be employed. In years 5 and 6 specific teaching in sex education will sometimes be in gender groups as deemed appropriate. Parents will be informed when this unit of work is being delivered and will be given the opportunity to view the resources. (See letter in appendix A) Twice throughout Key Stage 2, sex education will be taught as part of the 'Healthy Living' Qualifications and Curriculum Association (QCA) unit of work. At this stage the unit of work includes some compulsory elements contained in the Science programme of study within the National Curriculum. The most recent Education Act gives parents the right to withdraw their child from the additional non-compulsory aspects of this unit.

Assessment, Recording and Reporting

Assessment of understanding will be in accordance with the school's assessment policy. Reference to sex education may be made during parent and teacher interviews or in a pupil's annual report if appropriate. Schools are not required to make a formal report on sex education.

Ratification date _____

Date for review _____