



St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

"Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

25th May, 2021

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

RE : RSE CURRICULUM

As part of your child's educational experience at St. Anne's C.E. Primary School, we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our pupils. In our diverse society, children need to develop an understanding of themselves, others and their community and how we can work together in harmony. They also need to know how to maintain healthy lifestyles and relationships with others.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education (RSE) following nationwide consultation. These changes will come into statutory effect from September 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sexeducation-rse-and-health-education>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, well-being, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

As a school, we have already been teaching RSE (through PSHE) and we have a comprehensive curriculum in place which has been adapted to meet the new requirements.

Consequently, from September 2021, Relationships Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum.

Sex Education is not statutory at primary level, unless it forms part of the Science curriculum or Health education aspect. Where it is recommended that elements of Sex Education are

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delivered to pupils you will be notified in advance of this content. This content can be found in Appendix 2 of our policy by looking at the final column. The content is then detailed in **bold**.

Governors and staff have reviewed our RSE curriculum and policy (in line with DfE and Lichfield Diocese guidance) so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

As a school community, we are currently in unprecedented times which makes it a little challenging to consult with you. However, to help you understand the curriculum requirements, we have attached and placed our policy on our website at https://a604b434-aefb-4c50-a9bc-6a21a5ab3cdd.filesusr.com/ugd/cac643_9fa9445e73c849a28e57e2c6a2a62e02.pdf

This comprehensively details information in the appendix details of the following:

- Appendix 1 - Curriculum overview at St Anne's C.E. Primary School.
- Appendix 2- Curriculum mapped to Relationships / Health / Science and Sex Education
- Appendix 3- Expectations of RSE curriculum
- Appendix 4- Sex Education within the Science curriculum

Your views are very important to us and so will be starting our consultation process today (25th May, 2021) up to and including 9th June 2021. Should you wish to comment on the curriculum or policy please send your responses to office@st-annes-browndedge.staffs.sch.uk by this date.

We hope that this letter and attached information answers some of your questions and any concerns that you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Kind regards



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