

Sex and Relationships Education Policy (SRE)

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1. AIMS

The aims of relationships and sex education [RSE] at our school are to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare students for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Help students develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Teach students the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies

2. STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

At Wexham School we teach RSE as set out in this policy and by the Department for Education, section 403 of the Education Act 1996 and Section 80A of the Education Act 2002.

3. DEFINITION

- RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of students, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity
- RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values
- RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

4. CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but may need to be adapted as and when necessary.

5. DELIVERY OF RSE

RSE is taught within the Personal, Social, Health and Economic [PSHE] education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the Science curriculum and are compulsory to all students, and other aspects are included in Religious Education [RE].

Students also receive stand-alone sex education sessions delivered by a trained health professional.

RSE focuses on giving young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds including:

- Families
- Respectful relationships, including friendships
- Online and media
- Being safe
- Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life, taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances [families can include single parent families, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures] along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them [for example: looked after children or young carers].

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Governors

The Board of Governors will approve the RSE policy, and hold the Headteacher to account for its implementation.

The Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the School, and for managing requests to withdraw students from non-statutory components of RSE [see Section 8].

Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual students
- Responding appropriately to students whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the nonstatutory components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the Headteacher.

Students

Students are expected to engage fully in RSE and, when discussing issues related to RSE, treat others with respect and sensitivity.

7. PARENTS' RIGHT TO WITHDRAW

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education only, within RSE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the School will arrange this.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the Headteacher.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the student's educational record. The PSHE Lead will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternative work, to be completed outside the classroom, will be given to students who are withdrawn from Sex Education.

8.TRAINING

Staff are trained on the delivery of RSE as required. Visitors from outside the School, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, will be invited to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE and to teach aspects of RSE to our students.

9.MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

The delivery of RSE is monitored by the Senior Leadership PSHE Lead through joint Curriculum planning, Work Scrutiny and Learning Walks.

Students' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

This policy will be reviewed by Senior Leadership Team PSHE Lead every three years. The policy will be approved by The Board of Governors.

APPENDIX 1: PSHCE Curriculum Overview

Year Group: 7

Subject: PSHCE

Term	Content	Skills	Knowledge	Links to other
1	British	Teamwork: Students develop the skills	What are the	subjects RS
-	Values	necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision	 Key British Values? How do we live by them? 	History Geography
		or to exchange ideas in a civil manner. Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a	• Why are they important?	
		particular matter. Questioning: Students know how to	Where can they be seen in school, local community and wider society?	
		question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence.	society:	
		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.		
2	Bullying	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	 What is bullying? What are strategies to deal with bullying? What are the effects of bullying? Why do people bully? 	RS PE
3	Puberty (RSE)	Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision	 What is puberty? What changes does the body go through? How does it affect our emotions? What are relationships? 	Science PE
		or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	• What makes a healthy relationship? How can we cope with confusing feelings?	
4	Risky Behaviour	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	• What is peer pressure?	Science PE

			How can we	
		Discussion: Students know how to talking	deal peer pressure?	
I		about something in order to reach a decision		
l		or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	• What are the	
l		or to exchange facts in a civil mainter.	risks associated with	
		Debate: Students understand how to engage	smoking?	
		in an effective formal discussion on a	Sinoking.	
		particular matter.	What are the	
			risks associated with	
		Questioning: Students know how to	illegal drugs?	
		question so as to elicit information in a		
		manner which does not cause offence.		
		Desision melling. Students understand hour		
		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after		
		consideration of issues or facts.		
5	Community	Teamwork: Students develop the skills	What is a	English
5		necessary to work effectively and efficiently	community?	History
		as part of a group.	How can we	Thistory
			contribute to our	
		Discussion: Students know how to talking	communities?	
		about something in order to reach a decision	How can we look after	
l		or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	the school and local	
		5	environment?	
		Debate: Students understand how to engage		
		in an effective formal discussion on a		
		particular matter.		
		Questioning: Students know how to		
		question so as to elicit information in a		
		manner which does not cause offence.		
		Decision making: Students understand how		
		to reach a conclusion or resolution after		
		consideration of issues or facts.		
6	Growth	Questioning: Students know how to		English
	Mind-set	question so as to elicit information in a	• What is	History
		manner which does not cause offence.	growth mind-set?	PE
			How can we	
			learn to fail forwards?	
			How can we try new	
			methods of learning?	

Subjec	t: PSHCE	Year Group: 8		
Term	Content	Skills	Knowledge	Links to other subjects
1	Diversity and Tolerance	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	 What is diversity? What makes 	English History RS
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	someone racist? • What is an asylum seeker? • Why is	
		Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter.	equality so important?	
		Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence.		
		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.		
2	RSE	Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence.	 What is Honour Crime? What is FGM? 	RS
		Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	• What is consent? Why is it important?	
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.		
3	Mental Health / Mindfulnes s	Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence.	 What is mental health? What are symptoms of mental 	Science PE
		Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	 illness? What are effective mindfulness techniques? 	
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	• What can we do if we are suffering from poor mental health?	
4	Money Manageme nt	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety		Maths

		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	 What is the difference between debit and credit? How do you budget? What is debt? How can you save offectively? 	
5	E-Safety / Extremism	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	 save effectively? How do we stay safe online? What are the risks of the internet? What is extremism? What are the warning signs of radicalisation? 	History RS
6	Rights and Responsibil ities	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner. Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter. Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	 What are our rights and responsibilities? What are Human rights? How are Human Rights applied? 	History RS Geography

Subject: PSHCE Year Group: 9

Term	Content	Skills	Knowledge	Links to other subjects
1	Crime and Society	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	What is crime?	RS Geography
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	What are its effects?	
		Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter.	Why do people commit it?	
		Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence.	What are the punishments?	
		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	How do the courts work?	
2	Politics	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner. Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter. Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	How does the British political system work? Who are the main parties? What are the important political issues for young people in your community?	History RS Geography

3	RSE	Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group.	What is a relationship? What are STIs and their symptoms? What are the different types of contraception?	Science
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	What are options when pregnant?	
4	Current Affairs / Global Issues	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner. Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter. Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	What is life like around the world for different groups of people? Case studies: Afghanistan Uganda North Korea Syria	English History RS Geography
5	Drugs and Alcohol Education	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	How can you recognise illegal drugs? How can you minimise the risks? What are their affects?	Science PE
6	First Aid	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety	What is first aid? Learn First Aid techniques including:	Science PE

Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	CPR, Burns, Bleeding	
Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.		

Subject: PSHCE Year Group: 10

Term	Content	Skills	Knowledge	Links to other
				subjects
1	Preparing for the future	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety	What are your future goals?	Careers
		Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts.	What are options after Year 11? CV writing	
		Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	Interview practice	
2	Human Rights	Teamwork: Students develop the skills necessary to work effectively and efficiently as part of a group. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner. Debate: Students understand how to engage in an effective formal discussion on a particular matter. Questioning: Students know how to question so as to elicit information in a manner which does not cause offence. Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution	What are Human Rights? Why are they important? What are your rights in the workplace?	History RS Geography
3	Money Management	after consideration of issues or facts. Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety	How can you manage your money effectively?	Business Maths

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		Decision making: Students understand	Why must you be	
		how to reach a conclusion or resolution	aware of debt and	
		after consideration of issues or facts.	short term loans?	
		Discussion: Students know how to	What is interest?	
		talking about something in order to		
		reach a decision or to exchange ideas in		
		a civil manner.		
4	Drugs	Coping strategies: Students develop the		Science
	Education	skills required to deal effectively with	How can you	PE
		difficulties including stress and anxiety	recognise the	RS
			different drugs?	
		Decision making: Students understand		
		how to reach a conclusion or resolution	What is addiction?	
		after consideration of issues or facts.		
			Where can you go for	
		Discussion: Students know how to	advice and support?	
		talking about something in order to		
		reach a decision or to exchange ideas in		
_		a civil manner.		
5	Preparing for	Coping strategies: Students develop the	How can you get	Careers
	GCSEs	skills required to deal effectively with	prepared?	
		difficulties including stress and anxiety		
			What do you need to	
		Decision making: Students understand	do?	
		how to reach a conclusion or resolution		
		after consideration of issues or facts.	How can you revise effectively?	
		Discussion: Students know how to		
		talking about something in order to		
		reach a decision or to exchange ideas in		
		a civil manner.		
6	Politics	Teamwork: Students develop the skills	What are the key	History
		necessary to work effectively and	political issues in	RS
		efficiently as part of a group.	Britain?	Geography
		Discussion: Students know how to	How can you make a	
		talking about something in order to	change?	
		reach a decision or to exchange ideas in		
		a civil manner.	What impact will	
			Brexit have on our	
		Debate: Students understand how to	lives?	
		engage in an effective formal discussion		
		on a particular matter.		
		Questioning: Students know how to		
		question so as to elicit information in a		
		manner which does not cause offence.		

	Decision making: Students understand	
	how to reach a conclusion or resolution	
	after consideration of issues or facts.	

Subject: PSHCE Year Group: 11

Term	Content	Skills	Knowledge	Links to other subjects
1	Getting prepared for GCSE year	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	What are my targets? How can I fulfil my potential? How can I look after my physical and mental health?	Careers
2	Study Skills	Coping strategies: Students develop the skills required to deal effectively with difficulties including stress and anxiety Decision making: Students understand how to reach a conclusion or resolution after consideration of issues or facts. Discussion: Students know how to talking about something in order to reach a decision or to exchange ideas in a civil manner.	What revision techniques work for me? How can I improve my memory?	Careers

APPENDIX 2: PARENT FORM: WITHDRAWAL FROM SEX EDUCATION WITHIN RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS				
Name of child		Class		
Name of parent		Date		
Reason for withdrawing from Sex Education within Relationships and Sex Education				
Any other information you would like the School to consider				
Parent / Carer signature				

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL		
Agreed actions from discussion with parents		
Signed		
Date		