



Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

At St John's Church of England
Primary School



'I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.' (Psalm 139:14)



Aims and Objectives:

- To inform parents about the new statutory RSE curriculum requirements.
- To gain views and opinions to inform school's Relationship and Sex Education Policy



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- ▶ The aim of RSE at St John's is to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds, not just intimate relationships. It should enable them to know what a healthy relationship looks like and what makes a good friend, a good colleague and a successful marriage or other type of committed relationship.
- ▶ It teaches what are acceptable and unacceptable behaviours in relationships.
- ▶ Pupils will understand the positive effects that good relationships have on their mental wellbeing, identify when relationships are not right and understand how such situations can be managed.
- ▶ It is taught through a spiral curriculum which offers rich opportunities for learning about the application of British Values and the enhancement of pupil's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education. At St John's we use a scheme called Jigsaw in conjunction with our School Christian Values of Love, Courage and Respect.

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- ▶ Primary Schools are not required to teach sex education, it is for them to determine whether they need to cover any additional content to meet the needs of their pupils which many schools do already:
- ▶ The Department for Education recommends that all primary schools have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and - drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born.



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- ▶ Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education delivered as part of the statutory RSE following discussions with the head teacher.
- ▶ There is no right to withdraw from relationships Education or Health Education or any content from the statutory science curriculum. This means that pupils cannot be withdrawn from lessons on the Changing Adolescent Body.





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Areas covered alongside Personal, Health, Social, Citizenship Education include :

- Families and People Who Care For Me
- Caring Friendships
- Respectful Relationships
- Online Relationships
- Being Safe - including the concept of personal privacy



RSE at St John's

If you have any questions or would like further information on any aspects please contact us at:

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