



Caring **A**chieving **R**espectful **E**xciting

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy

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Introduction

This policy has been written in accordance with the statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 80A of the Education Act 2002 and section 403 of the Education Act 1996. It has been reviewed and updated to reflect the DfE's Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Statutory Guidance (July 2025), which schools are required to implement from September 2026. It replaces all previous references to the 2019 guidance. This policy contains information on how our school will meet its legal duties, with which schools must comply, when teaching Relationships Education and Health Education.

The Relationships Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 make Relationships Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education. They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools. Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) continues to be compulsory in independent schools.

For the purpose of this policy, "relationships and health education" is defined as teaching pupils about healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online.

For the purpose of this policy, "health education" is defined as teaching pupils about physical health and mental wellbeing, focusing on recognising the link between the two and being able to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Guiding Principles for RSHE

Our RSHE curriculum is underpinned by the seven guiding principles set out in the DfE's 2025 guidance. These ensure that teaching is effective, age-appropriate and rooted in our school's values:

- We take a positive approach focusing on healthy norms, kindness, respect and positive relationships.
- We engage pupils by relating learning to their real-life experiences and local context.
- Teaching is carefully sequenced, building vocabulary and knowledge progressively from EYFS to Year 6.
- Content is responsive to pupils' needs and current safeguarding risks, including emerging online issues.
- RSHE is delivered by trained and confident staff who create safe, inclusive learning environments.
- We maintain strong parental engagement, sharing resources and consulting on changes.
- RSHE is part of a whole-school approach that reinforces respect, responsibility and empathy across all subjects and school life.

Development of the Policy

This policy has been developed by working in partnership with schools in Derby City (see Appendix 1 for list). A core focus of this partnership was seeking and gaining the views of local religious and community groups, ensuring representation of the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010.

Consultation with Parents

The school understands the important role parents play in enhancing their children's understanding of relationships and health. Similarly, we also understand how important parents' views are in shaping the curriculum.

The school works closely with parents by establishing open communication – all parents are consulted in the development and delivery of the curriculum, as outlined in Appendix 2 of this policy.

Parents are provided with the following information:

- The content of the relationships and health curriculum
- The delivery of the relationships and health curriculum, including what is taught in each year group
- The legalities surrounding withdrawing their child from the subjects
- The resources that will be used to support the curriculum

The school aims to build positive relationships with parents by inviting them into school to discuss what will be taught, address any concerns and help parents in managing conversations with their children on the issues covered by the curriculum.

Parents will be informed annually (at parents' meetings/through the school website/through termly year group letters) about the content of the Relationships and Health Education taught in each year group. Parents will be invited to discuss the content with the class teacher. In addition, parents will be consulted in the review of the curriculum and this policy and are encouraged to provide their views at any time.

Curriculum Content

Relationships and health education focuses on giving pupils the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships, and to build their self-efficacy. Health education focuses on equipping pupils with the knowledge they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing.

We understand our responsibility to deliver a high-quality, age-appropriate relationship and health curriculum for all our pupils. This policy sets out the framework for our relationships and health curriculum, providing clarity on how it is informed, organised and delivered.

Relationships Education

The focus in primary school should be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to:

- Families and people who care about me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

Topic	Statutory Content
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability • The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives • That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care • That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up • That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong • How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed
Caring Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends • The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded • That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right • How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed
<p>Respectful Relationships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them, or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs • Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships • The conventions of courtesy and manners • The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness • That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority • About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders and how to get help • What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive • Recognising and challenging sexism, gender stereotypes and disrespectful attitudes both online and offline • The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults
<p>Online Relationships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not • That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them • How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met • How information and data is shared and used online • Understanding artificial intelligence (AI), deepfake images, online influencers and digital manipulation – that not everything online is real
<p>Being Safe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context) • About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe • That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact • How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know • How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult • How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard • How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so • Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources • Fire safety, road safety, rail safety, water safety and how to stay safe in public spaces • In upper KS2: conflict resolution and how to seek help in emergencies

Health Education

The aim of teaching pupils about physical health and mental wellbeing is to give them the information that they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing. It should enable them to recognise what is normal and what is an issue in themselves and others and, when issues arise, know how to seek support as early as possible from appropriate sources.

Health Education covers the following areas:

- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety and harms (including AI, deepfakes and digital manipulation)
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Health and prevention
- Basic first aid
- Changing adolescent body
- Financial exploitation and safeguarding

Topic	Statutory Content
Mental Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health • There is a normal range of emotions and scale of emotions that all humans experience • How to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary • How to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate • The benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness • Simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family • Isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support • Grief, bereavement, loneliness and loss – helping pupils develop empathy and resilience

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Body image, self-esteem and the influence of social media • Bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing • Where and how to seek support, including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing • It is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough
<p>Internet Safety and Harms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits • About the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices • How to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online • Why social media, some computer games and online gaming are age restricted • The internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place • How to be a discerning consumer of information online • Understanding artificial intelligence (AI), deepfake images and digital manipulation – pupils learn that not everything online is real and how to think critically about what they see • Financial exploitation online such as scams, phishing and sextortion (age-appropriate) • Consent, privacy and respect when sharing or viewing online content • Where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online
<p>Physical Health and Fitness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle • The importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this • The risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health
Healthy Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content) • The principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals • The characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay)
Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking
Health and Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body • About safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer • The importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn • About dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist • About personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing • The facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination
Basic First Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary • Concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries
Changing Adolescent Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11 including physical and emotional changes • About menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In upper KS2: awareness of menstrual irregularities, endometriosis and menopause in simple, factual terms • Using correct scientific terminology to support safeguarding and confidence • When and how to seek help from healthcare professionals
<p>Financial Exploitation and Safeguarding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils learn how to recognise and avoid financial scams and online exploitation • Simple, age-appropriate ways to protect personal information and identify unsafe requests • Know what to do if they feel pressured or worried, and how to seek help from trusted adults • Supports the school's wider safeguarding approach

Delivery

Relationships and Health Education is taught throughout the whole school curriculum. This includes within the Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE) curriculum, science curriculum, Physical Education (PE), computing and some aspects are included in religious education (RE). (Please see Appendix 3 for coverage of the statutory content across the school's curriculum.)

Pupils will mainly be taught in their class groups. Single gender lessons will be used as deemed appropriate by the school e.g. about the changing body. It is important to note that although separated groups may have different activities, the messages and information they receive will be consistent. It is important that children learn about all changes, not just their own.

Through effective organisation and delivery of the subject, we will ensure that:

- Core knowledge is sectioned into units of manageable size
- The required content is communicated to pupils clearly, in a carefully sequenced way, within a planned scheme of work
- Teaching includes sufficient and well-chosen opportunities and contexts for pupils to embed new knowledge so that it can be used confidently in real-life situations

In addition, teachers will:

- Deliver a high-quality and age-appropriate relationships and health curriculum in line with school and statutory requirements
- Use a variety of teaching methods and resources to provide an engaging curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils
- Ensure they do not express personal views or beliefs when delivering the programme
- Model positive attitudes to relationships and health education
- Respond to any safeguarding concerns in line with the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

Questions

Teachers will attempt to answer pupils' questions and concerns in a sensitive, age- and development-appropriate manner. Individual teachers will use skill and discretion in these situations and refer to the Relationships and Health Education Lead.

Teachers will apply the following principles:

- Clear ground rules will be established and set out for each session
- Pupil questions will be encouraged and opportunities to ask questions openly and in private (e.g. post-it notes/question boxes) will be provided
- Clarity about the topics being taught will be shared with pupils
- If a child's question is not appropriate to answer in front of the class, the teacher will explain calmly that this is not part of today's discussion and will discuss it later
- Individual questions may be answered by the teacher at the end of the session
- Some questions may be referred to the child's parents to provide an answer; in these circumstances the class teacher will make contact

Staff Training and Leadership

All staff members at the school will undergo training on a yearly basis to ensure they are up-to-date with the relationship and health education programme and associated issues.

Members of staff responsible for teaching the subjects will undergo further training led by the Relationships, Sex and Health Education subject leader, to ensure they are fully equipped to teach the subjects effectively.

A named RSHE Lead coordinates the curriculum, provides guidance to staff and ensures that lessons align with statutory expectations and safeguarding policies. Training of staff will also be scheduled around any updated guidance on the programme and any new developments which may need to be addressed, including emerging areas such as online risk, AI and digital manipulation.

Equality and Accessibility

The school creates a safe environment where all staff and children are respected and free to express their beliefs and opinions without fear of discrimination. The school understands its responsibilities in relation to the Equality Act 2010, specifically that it must not unlawfully discriminate against:

- Women/girls and men/boys
- People of different races
- Disabled people
- People with different religions or beliefs or with no religion or belief
- People of different ages

- Lesbian, gay and bisexual and straight people
- People who have changed their sex

The school is committed to making reasonable adjustments wherever possible to promote accessibility and inclusivity of the curriculum. The school understands that pupils with SEND or other needs are entitled to learn about relationships and health education, and the programme will be designed to be inclusive of all pupils.

Teachers will understand that they may need to be more explicit and adapt their planning of work and teaching methods in order to appropriately deliver the programme to pupils with SEND or other needs.

The curriculum will be 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 a mum and a dad, blended families, 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.

Inclusion and SEND

RSHE is designed to be inclusive and accessible to all pupils including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and neurodiverse learners. Lessons are adapted using visual supports, pre-teaching of vocabulary, simplified language and additional adult support where required. Our approach promotes understanding of neurodiversity, respect for difference and awareness of diverse family and cultural backgrounds.

Sex Education

All pupils must be taught the aspects of sex education outlined in the primary science curriculum – which includes teaching about the main external parts of the human body, how the human body changes as it grows from birth to old age, including puberty, and the reproductive process in some plants and animals.

The school is free to determine whether pupils should be taught sex education beyond what is required of the national curriculum. At our school, we **do not** teach pupils sex education beyond what is required of the science curriculum.

Parents are fully informed of when this will take place, the resources that will be used and the content that will be taught. In line with our school's safeguarding policy, if a child is at risk of sexual harm, additional actions will be taken to ensure children have the knowledge and skills to keep themselves and others safe. In addition, if a child has a specific need or medical requirement, a personalised programme can be provided by the school's Learning Mentor in consultation with parents.

Parents' Right to Withdraw

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from Relationships Education or Health Education, or the programme of study as part of the requirements of the science curriculum. The school will continue to teach the science curriculum as set out in the National Curriculum

(see Appendix 4 for objectives taught and terminology used). The changing of the adolescent body topics will be taught in single sex groups and, where possible, by a member of staff of the same gender.

The school does not currently deliver additional sex education beyond statutory science. Should this change, parents would be informed and given the opportunity to discuss and, where applicable, request withdrawal in line with statutory guidance.

Safeguarding and Disclosures

All RSHE teaching is underpinned by the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and follows the principles in **Keeping Children Safe in Education (2025)**. Staff understand how to respond to disclosures made during RSHE sessions **including those linked to online exploitation, digital abuse or peer pressure**. All external visitors delivering RSHE are vetted and briefed on safeguarding expectations before working with pupils.

Parental Engagement and Transparency

The school values its partnership with parents and carers. The school consults parents on RSHE curriculum content and any policy updates. Teaching materials, lesson plans and resources are available for parents to view on request or via the school website. Parents are informed of upcoming topics so they can support learning at home. The school welcomes feedback and will review parental views annually as part of the policy review process.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Relationships and Health Education subject lead, Headteacher and governors. **The RSHE Lead and senior leaders monitor delivery through lesson observations, staff feedback and pupil voice. Governors receive an annual report on RSHE provision and its impact.**

This policy will also be reviewed in light of any changes to statutory guidance, feedback from parents, staff or pupils, and issues in the school or local area that may need addressing.

The governing board is responsible for approving this policy.

Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all staff, parents and, where necessary, pupils via newsletter/website.

Links to Other Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following documents:

- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online Safety Policy
- Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- PSHE Curriculum Policy
- SEND Policy

Appendix 1 – Consultation Partners

Akaal Primary School

Arboretum Primary School

Castleward Spencer Academy

Dale Primary School

Firs Primary School

Hardwick Primary School

Pear Tree Infant and Walbrook Nursery School

Pear Tree Junior School

Shelton Infant School

St Chad's Church of England Nursery and Infant School

St James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School

St James' Church of England Junior School

Zaytouna Primary School

Derby City Council Education Officer

Representatives from:

- The Muslim faith
- The Sikh faith
- Church of England
- Methodist
- Virtual School
- Derbyshire LGBT+

Appendix 2 – How Hardwick Primary School Consulted Parents

Our school understands the important role parents play in enhancing their children's understanding of relationships and health. Parents' views are important in shaping the curriculum.

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Parents are provided with the following information:

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Appendix 3 – Derby Inner City Cluster RSHE Statutory Content, Suggested and Shared Resources

Families

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability • The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives • That others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care • That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <p>My Mum/ My Dad – Anthony Browne Owl Babies – Martin Waddell Monkey Puzzle – Julia Donaldson Peace at last – Jill Murphy Stick Man – Julia Donaldson Children to share photos of their family members</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <p><u>Family Book – Todd Parr</u> <u>Same, Same but different by Jenny Sue Kosteci-Shaw</u> Guess How Much I Love You by Sam McBratney <u>The great big book of families by Mark Hoffman and Ros Asquith</u> <u>One family by George Shannon</u> The smeds and the smoos by Julia Donaldson <u>Families, families, families! By Suzanne Lang and Max Lang</u> Create a family portrait</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p><u>Family Poster</u> by Elise Gravel Create a family tree Activity Gorilla by Anthony Browne Heather has two mummies by Leslea Newman And Tango makes three by Justin Richardson</p>

<p>at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong • How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed 	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p><u>Family Poster</u> by Elise Gravel</p> <p>A range of images of diverse adult couples (Google Search)</p> <p>Explore reasons why people get married</p> <p>Heather has two mummies by Leslea Newman</p> <p>And Tango makes three by Justin Richardson</p>
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Caring Relationships

Statutory Content	Year Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends • The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties • That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded • That most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right • How to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how to manage 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) The Gingerbread Man Sharing a shell by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks Feelings fans- happy, sad, lonely. Circle games- pass a smile, roll a ball to someone and say their name- ensuring everyone in the circle has a turn BBC Friendship Video Trust- Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) BBC Video where two children discuss their friendships- Children’s discussions about their own friendships. Lost and found by Oliver Jeffers Creating own class resource- What makes a good friend- list ingredients. BBC Video to start Circle games e.g ‘The Space on my right is free, I would like ____ to sit next to me’ (ensuring everyone gets a turn). ‘I think a friend is someone who...’ SEAL Peaceful Problem Solving Poster and Feelings Detective Poster Trust- The Gingerbread Man (Who should not have been trusted?) Discussion- Who can you go to in school if you are experiencing problems with friendships? Giving advice on how to be a caring friend.</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) THE BFG- Sophie’s friendship with the giant (trust). Creating a recipe for a friend using a bank of words (ingredients and method). Problem solving scenarios e.g. SEAL resources BBC Starting point video- SEAL Peaceful Problem Solving Poster and Feelings Detective Poster Trust- The Fox and the Crow (Aesop’s Fable) Discussion- Who can you go to in school if you are experiencing problems with friendships? Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love</p>

<p>these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed</p>	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) Class discussion on appropriate relationships between children in year 5 & 6? Problem solving scenarios – could include drama Trust- Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing (Aesop’s Fable) Discussion- Who can you go to in school if you are experiencing problems with friendships Given scenarios – caring or not caring and why? Sleepovers by Jacqueline Wilson Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love</p>
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Respectful Relationships

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships • The conventions of courtesy and manners • The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <p>The Rainbow fish – Marcus Pfister Tidy Titch – Pat Hutchins Learning the names of our new friends Respecting one another and the classroom provision Using manners at lunchtime and around school <u>Anti-Bullying Alliance- Resources for Anti-Bullying Week</u> Ways to Look after yourself- washing hands, eating your lunch and doing things that make you happy Permission seeking – rules for playing games, asking adults for permission e.g. to go out of the classroom and why it is important (fire, safety)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in positions of authority • About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help 	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <p>Same similar different activity (p66 PSHE Matters) <u>'It's okay to be different' Todd Parr</u> Elmer Rainbow Fish <u>Anti-Bullying Alliance- Resources for Anti-Bullying Week</u> Thought shower for classroom – What are good manners? Stereotypes- Amazing Grace stories by Mary Hoffman Respecting Ourselves- How do we do it? Explore question in groups. Permission seeking- rules for playing games and asking people what they are 'comfortable' with- link to being assertive and being able to say 'no' with confidence)- asking adults for permission and the possible consequences of not doing so.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive 	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p>Elmer Rainbow Fish Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love My name is not refugee by Kate Milner <u>Anti-Bullying Alliance- Resources for Anti-Bullying Week</u> Stereotypes- matching descriptions of people to jobs and discussing choices. Respecting ourselves - make posters. Permission seeking- rules for co-operation and asking people what they are 'comfortable' with- link to being assertive and being able to say 'no' with confidence- scenarios with 'Should you ask for permission?' SEAL- Be Assertive Poster</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults 	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p>The Linking Network and <u>Identity pack</u> and <u>resources</u></p> <p>Explore language around protected characteristics such as lesbian, gay, heterosexual, transgendered, disability, race, religion, culture, gender,</p> <p>Wonder –R.J Palcio (<u>Resource Pack</u>)</p> <p><u>Anti-Bullying Alliance- Resources for Anti-Bullying Week</u></p> <p>Creating poems and exploring quotes about respecting themselves and others.</p> <p>Permission seeking- Why is important to ask people for permission if it something that involves them? Discuss and link to technology!</p> <p>Stereotypes- exploring different types of stereotypes and the effects they can have on people</p> <p>SEAL- Be Assertive Poster</p> <p>Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love</p> <p>My name is not refugee by Kate Milner</p>
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Online Relationships / Internet Safety and Harms

Updated to include new 2025 content on AI, deepfakes, online influencers, digital manipulation, financial exploitation (scams, phishing, sextortion) and consent/privacy in online contexts.

Existing resources from Project Evolve and Thinkuknow remain relevant and should be supplemented with new guidance materials when available.

Online Relationships

Statutory Content	Year Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different preferences or beliefs That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not That the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <p>Pumpkin Soup – Helen Cooper The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett The Rainbow fish – Marcus Pfister Project evolve toolkit www.projectevolve.co.uk/toolkit Think u know www.thinkuknow.co.uk https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/ 4-5 (video about watching videos) Safer Internet Day- annually resources</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <p>Project evolve toolkit www.projectevolve.co.uk/toolkit Think u know www.thinkuknow.co.uk https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/ 5-6 (video about sharing pictures) Safer Internet Day- annually resources Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross Own it: Making the internet a kinder place video</p>

<p>content and contact, and how to report them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met • How information and data is shared and used online 	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p>Project evolve toolkit www.projectevolve.co.uk/toolkit</p> <p>Think u know www.thinkuknow.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/6-7</p> <p>(video about watching playing games)</p> <p><u>Safer Internet Day- annually resources</u></p> <p>Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis</p> <p>Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love</p> <p><u>Same, Same but different by Jenny Sue Kosteci-Shaw</u></p> <p><u>Own it: Making the internet a kinder place video</u></p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p>Project evolve toolkit www.projectevolve.co.uk/toolkit</p> <p>Think u know www.thinkuknow.co.uk</p> <p>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos/</p> <p>Children to watch all videos- What is the message from each video and why is it important? How effective do you think the videos are?</p> <p><u>Safer Internet Day- annually resources</u></p> <p><u>Same, Same but different by Jenny Sue Kosteci-Shaw</u></p> <p>Julian is a mermaid by Jessica Love</p>

Being Safe

Updated to include new 2025 content on personal safety (fire, road, rail, water safety and public spaces) and conflict resolution in upper KS2. See curriculum overview for year group mapping.

Being Safe

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context) • About the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe • That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) Bog baby – Jeanne Willis What is a secret? Discussion Privacy- Using the toilets Little Red Riding Hood</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) <u>Counting Kisses by Karen Katz</u> <u>NSPCC – PANTS</u> What is a secret? Discussion and should we keep secrets? Privacy- Using the toilets Discussion about who to go to in school for advice help- links with Anti-Bullying Week- see Anti-Bullying Alliance resources</p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) <u>NSPCC – PANTS</u> What is a secret? Discussion and should we keep secrets? Privacy- Using the toilets, getting changed Discussion about who to go to in school for advice help- links with Anti-Bullying Week- see Anti-Bullying Alliance resources</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know • How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult • How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard • How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so • Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources 	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p><u>NSPCC – PANTS</u></p> <p>What is a secret? Discussion</p> <p>Privacy- Using the toilets, getting changed, respecting people's privacy</p> <p>Discussion about who to go to in school for advice help- links with Anti-Bullying Week- see Anti-Bullying Alliance resources</p>
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Changing Adolescent Body

Existing resources remain. Upper KS2 to include age-appropriate content on menstrual irregularities, endometriosis and menopause as introduced in 2025 guidance.

Changing adolescent body

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11 including physical and emotional changes. • About menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle. • identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. • describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird • describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. • describe the changes as humans develop to old age. • notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <p>The very hungry caterpillar – Eric Carle Bog baby – Jeanne Willis Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <p><u>BBC lifecycles – Bitesize</u> https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6882hv/articles/zttckqt How did I begin by Nick Manning Mister Seahorse by Eric Carle Once there were giants by Martin Waddell</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p>NSPCC resources</p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p>Split into same sex grouping and delivered by a teacher of the same gender were possible – resources to be shared yearly prior to teaching Split into same sex grouping and delivered by a teacher of the same gender were possible – resources to be shared yearly prior to teaching <u>BBC lifecycles – Bitesize</u> <u>Living and Growing.</u></p>

Mental Wellbeing

Existing resources remain. **New content on grief, bereavement, loneliness and loss, body image and self-esteem to be incorporated into planning.**

Mental Well being

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health. • that there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations. • how to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings. • how to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate. • the benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness. • simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests. • isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support. • that bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing. 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) Feelings Fans- naming feelings SEAL Photo cards-identifying feelings <u>Children's Mental Health Week Resources</u> <u>Anti-Bullying Week Resources</u> Go Noodle <u>Mindfulness and exercise activities</u></p> <p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) Feelings Fans- naming feelings SEAL Photo cards-identifying feelings <u>Children's Mental Health Week Resources</u> <u>Anti-Bullying Week Resources</u> Go Noodle <u>Mindfulness and exercise activities</u> SEAL Feelings Detective Posters Ruby's worry by Tom Percival So Much by Trish Cooke Have you filled a bucket today by Carol McCloud</p> <p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) Feelings Fans- naming feelings SEAL Photo cards-identifying feelings Children's Mental Health Week Resources- https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/ Anti-Bullying Week Resources- https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/ Mindfulness and exercise activities- https://www.gonoodle.com/ SEAL Feelings Detective Posters Hobbies- Drawing a hobby they have and a hobby they would like to take up Words and your heart by Kate Jane Neal Have you filled a bucket today by Carol McCloud</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online). • it is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough. 	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p><u>Children's Mental Health Week Resources</u></p> <p><u>Anti-Bullying Week Resources</u></p> <p>Go Noodle <u>Mindfulness and exercise activities</u></p> <p>SEAL Feelings Detective Posters</p> <p>Hobbies- What hobbies do you have now and what hobbies do you see yourself having when you are older? How does following a hobby affect our health?</p> <p>Discussion.</p>
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Internet Safety and Harm

<p>Statutory Content</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits. • about the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing. 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) Links to Anti-Bullying Week, Child Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private. 	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) Links to Anti-Bullying Week, Child Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/ Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted. 	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) Links to Anti-Bullying Week, Child Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health. • how to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted. • where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online. 	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) Links to Anti-Bullying Week, Child Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/</p>

Physical Health and Fitness

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle. • the importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this; for example walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise. • the risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity). • how and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health. 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take 10 in classrooms - Joe Wicks Routines - Links during Child Mental Health Week
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take 10 in classrooms - Joe Wicks Routines - Links during Child Mental Health Week - Discussion about who they can go to if they are concerned about their health
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take 10 in classrooms -Joe Wicks Routines -Links during Child Mental Health Week -Discussion about who they can go to if they are concerned about their health
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take 10 in classrooms - Joe Wicks Routines - Links during Child Mental Health Week - Discussion about who they can go to if they are concerned about their health

Healthy Eating

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content). • the principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals. • the characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay) and other behaviours (e.g. the impact of alcohol on diet or health). 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) Food- https://www.nhs.uk/change4life <u>Healthy Eating Resources</u></p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) Food- https://www.nhs.uk/change4life <u>Healthy Eating Resources</u> Healthy and Unhealthy- sorting pictures of foods Teeth and sugar- coke experiment</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) Food- https://www.nhs.uk/change4life Food Pyramid Healthy and Unhealthy- sorting pictures of meals and explaining why <u>Healthy Eating Resources</u> Teeth and diet- facts. Investigation- Which drink contains the most sugar?</p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) Food- https://www.nhs.uk/change4life Food Wheel <u>Healthy Eating Resources</u> Healthy Eating- nutritional content of food and traffic light system (food packaging) Investigation- Which food contains the most calories?</p>

Health and Prevention

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body. • about safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer. • the importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn. • about dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist. • about personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing. • the facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination. 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) <u>Sun Safe resources</u> <u>Teeth Resources</u></p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) <u>Sun Safe resources</u> <u>Teeth Resources</u></p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) <u>Sun Safe resources</u> <u>Teeth Resources</u></p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) <u>Sun Safe resources</u> <u>Teeth Resources</u></p>

Basic First Aid

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary. • concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries. 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory) Who to go to in school if you hurt yourself.</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2) Who to go to in school if you hurt yourself. Calling 999 in an emergency. <u>Red Cross Life Live it: Stay safe</u> Teaching resources from St John's Ambulance</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4) Who to go to in school if you hurt yourself. Calling 999 in an emergency. <u>Red Cross Life Live it: Stay safe</u> Teaching resources from St John's Ambulance</p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6) Who to go to in school if you hurt yourself. Calling 999 in an emergency. <u>Red Cross Life Live it: Stay safe</u> Teaching resources from St John's Ambulance</p>

Life Processes of reproduction

Statutory Content	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals /describe the changes as humans develop to old age recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents 	<p>EYFS (Not Statutory)</p> <p>The very hungry caterpillar – Eric Carle</p> <p>Observing changes in animals – caterpillars, chicks, tadpoles</p>
	<p>Key Stage One (Y1&2)</p> <p>Matching pictures of baby animals to adults.</p>
	<p>Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3&4)</p> <p>Human lifecycle- ordering pictures form baby to elderly person.</p>
	<p>Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5&6)</p> <p>Pictures of when they were babies and now- Guess Who?</p> <p>Matching pictures of teachers when they were children to pictures now.</p>

Appendix 4 – Vocabulary List

Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washing • Brushing teeth • Get dressed • Clean • Boy • Girl • Penis • Vagina • Same • Different • Physical characteristics • Gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hair • Face • Similar • Different • Gender roles • Stereotypes • Boy • Girl • Male • Female • Body parts • Like • Dislike • Touch • Hug • Kiss • Family • Fostering • Adoption • Relationship • Lifecycle • Reproduction • Physical • Pregnancy • Emotions • Feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stereotypes • Gender roles • Puberty* • Physical changes • Emotional changes • Moods • Menstruation* • Periods* • Tampons* • Sanitary towels* • Sweat • Breasts* • Spots • Pubic hair* • Facial hair • Underarm hair • Privacy • Human rights • Protection • Fostering • Adoption • Relationship • Friendship • Love • Endometriosis* • Menopause* • Digital manipulation • Deepfake • Financial exploitation • Consent
<p>(*Taught through single sex lessons / parents will be informed and resources will be shared prior to teaching about the changes to the adolescent body) (*New vocabulary added in line with 2025 RSHE guidance)</p>		