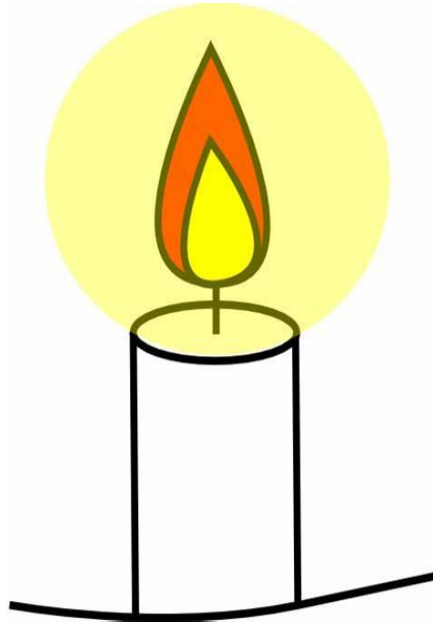


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“Let your light shine”, Matthew 5:16

Information for Parents and Carers

Relationships, Sex and Health
Education



As you may be aware, in September 2020 there were some changes to the statutory guidance with regards to teaching Relationships, Sex and Health Education in schools. The Department for Education has now made Relationships and Health Education compulsory in all primary schools.

We are required to consult with, and inform parents and carers, of these changes when reviewing the policy for this area of the curriculum. Due to the current situation with coronavirus, we are sharing these changes with you via a series of links that will show you the content of lessons that will be taught across the primary phase.

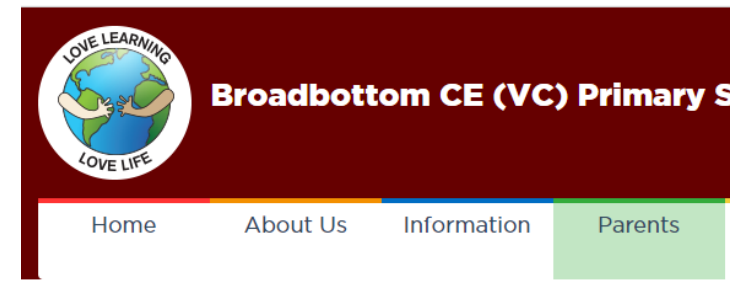
How do we teach RSE in school?

Following the pandemic, we will be introducing a new scheme adopted by Tameside Local Education Authority based on the DFE requirements.

This scheme helps children to know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in a diverse and changing society.

How to find information on our school website.

www.broadbottom.tameside.sch.uk



This presentation, and an overview of all the lessons, can be accessed on the school website under the parent tab and a draft policy is available under Statutory Policies.

This presentation will inform you of:

- The school's legal obligation on Relationships and Sex Education
- Your rights as a parent/carer
- A yearly overview of the curriculum

Today's Considerations

Pupils have heightened access to imagery and information that can influence and distort their understanding of healthy relationships. The new curriculum is designed to educate pupils to be safe and able to make sensible choices as they grow up building healthy attitudes and positive relationships.

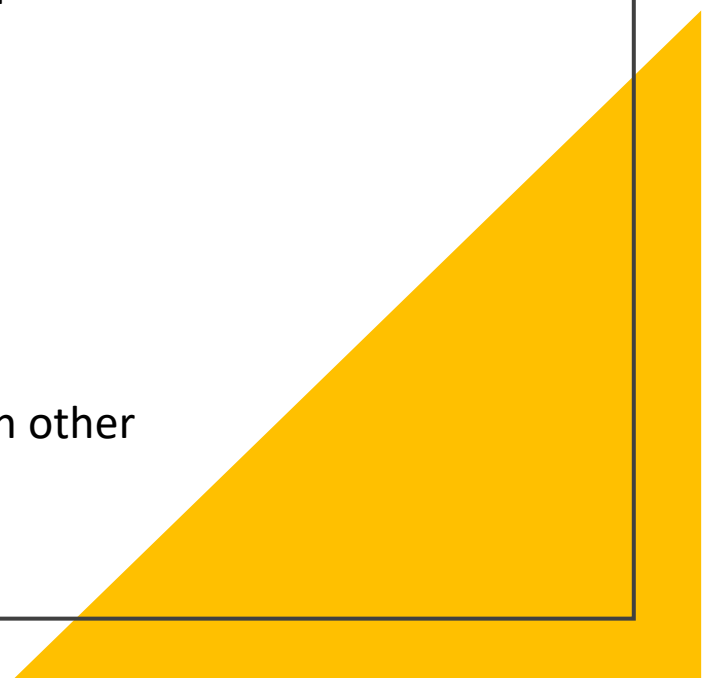
- The internet
- Television
- Social Media
- Other media
- Friends
- Family
- School



What should children know about relationships?

- What a positive, healthy, caring, safe relationships and feels like.
- How to speak up and get help when a relationship does NOT feel healthy, positive or safe.
- How to make and maintain positive relationships

We also need to know that Relationships Education is not just about intimate relationships, but also about those with family and friends, how we treat each other and ourselves, including similarities and differences in our communities.



**Relationships
Education,
Relationships and
Sex Education (RSE)
and Health Education**

Statutory guidance for governing bodies,
proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior
leadership teams, teachers

The Department of Education states:

“Today’s children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline... children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.”

This new document has implications for what you, as parents and carers, have the right to withdraw your child from.

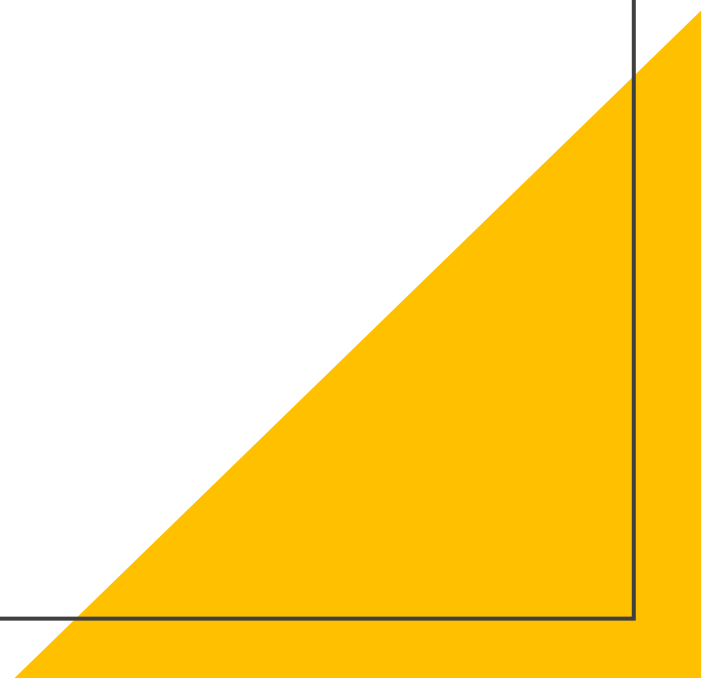
The new guidance stipulates that primary schools teach:

- Relationships Education and Health Education, which are both compulsory.
- Sex Education is at the school’s discretion.

What is taught within the Primary Relationships Education?

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

There have been no changes in this area.



What is taught within the Primary Health Education?

- Mental well-being
- Internet safety and harms
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- General health and illness
- Basic first aid
- Changing adolescent body (This has now become statutory in the new curriculum and includes puberty and body parts – this is also included in the KS2 compulsory Science curriculum)

This is a quote from the DFE guidance that explains what schools are expected to teach with regards to the Sex Education section.

“The Department continues to **recommend** that **all** primary schools should have a Sex Education programme tailored to the age and physical and emotional maturity of the pupils... drawing on knowledge of the human life-cycle set out in the National Curriculum Science – How a baby is conceived and born.”

This is a compulsory element of Primary Science and culminates the Science Programme of Study, which begins in KS1 with animals.

Keeping Children Safe

Equipping pupils with age appropriate information enables them to make informed, sensible choices and know when they are at risk.

“Ignorance does not protect innocence... but may make children vulnerable.” DFE

In summary...

- School must teach the Science curriculum which includes adolescence and puberty.
- Relationships and Health Education is compulsory and includes the changing adolescent body.
- Sex Education is delivered independently through the adopted Tameside scheme of work and is designed to provide children with more information, extra to that covered in Science.

What lessons can parents withdraw children from?

You are only able to withdraw your child from specific Sex Education lessons about conception and birth.

Thank you for taking the time to look at this PowerPoint and participate in the consultation.

To understand, in more depth, the areas covered within Relationships and Sex Education you can view individual units for each class. These are available under the parent's tab on our website.

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If you have comments relating to the content please contact your child's class teacher.