

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Safeguarding our children is of paramount importance to us at St. George's C.E. Primary School. We also believe it is essential that children are provided with age-appropriate information to assist them in making sensible choices and developing respect for themselves and others as they progress through the school.

Relationships and sex education is learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health. Some aspects are taught in science and others are taught as part of personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE).

Our comprehensive programme of RSE provides accurate information about the body, reproduction, sex and sexual health. It also gives children and young people essential skills for building positive, enjoyable, respectful and non-exploitative relationships and staying safe both on and offline. With this in mind, we use a variety of resources which have been recommended by the PSHE Association and fully support the Science National Curriculum.

Parents are not able to withdraw their child from Relationships Education in primary schools. Parents are able to withdraw their child from primary school classes which address sex education - i.e. those that do not sit within the Relationships Education curriculum.

Maintained primary schools are required to teach National Curriculum science, which includes some elements of sex education. At St. George's we follow this curriculum. Parents do not have a right to withdraw from this.

Schools will continue to be required to publish policies on these subjects for parents, and statutory guidance will continue to set out that schools should consult parents on those policies to ensure they are feeding in their views.