



St. Lucia's C of E Primary School

Governors' statement on the Shropshire Respect Yourself programme with reference to Relationship and Sex Education policy and practice

Governors are required to ensure the school delivers a broad and balanced curriculum as an entitlement for all pupils and adhere to section 36 of the statutory Department of Education guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. In making this statement Governors have taken account of the National Curriculum documents for science and guidance for PSHE and Citizenship.

Sex education includes such concepts as growing and changing, the life cycle, puberty and reproduction. It is also about emotions, relationships and responsibilities and how we care for each other. We therefore refer to this work as relationship and sex education (RSE), placing the emphasis on relationships.

RSE aims to help children understand their feelings, emotions and bodies, how they are growing and changing, and how they will change in the future. It aims to enhance the emotional and social development of children, helping them to understand the benefits of caring relationships and to be aware of pressures and possible dangers.

The work is integrated within science and PSHE and taught as a spiral curriculum in an age-appropriate way through the age ranges. We use the Shropshire Respect Yourself scheme of work and recommended resources. This is a national, award-winning programme, which is cross-phase, providing consistency of approach for our pupils.

The class teacher will deliver the lessons. The work will be integrated into the ordinary life of the class so that both boys and girls will have a clear understanding of, and be in sympathy with, the changes involved for those of a different gender. Some single gender work or small group exercises will be used as appropriate. Depending on availability the school nurse may offer question and answer sessions.



Parents are invited to comment on the *Governors'* policy and also to attend parents' meetings to preview resources and discuss the programme of work. The Headteacher and *Governors* are available to discuss any concerns. Parents will be informed of their right to withdraw their children from sex education additional to that required by the National Curriculum Science Order. The policy will be reviewed every two years. *Governors* will seek the views of teachers, pupils and parents.

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Next Review Date: March 2020