Relationships and Sex Education Policy. <u>Hylton Castle Primary School</u>

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Aims

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies

Statutory Requirements

As a maintained primary school we must provide relationships education to all pupils as per section 34 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017.

However, we are not required to provide sex education but we do need to teach elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum.

In teaching RSE, we must have regard to guidance issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the Education Act 1996.

At Hylton Castle Primary School we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

Policy Development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

- 1. Review a member of staff or working group pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance.
- 2. Staff consultation all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations on Wednesday 29th January 2020.
- 3. Parent/stakeholder consultation parents and any interested parties were invited to attend a meeting about the policy on Tuesday 21st February 2020.
- 4. Pupil consultation we investigated what exactly pupils want from their RSE on Wednesday 22nd January 2020.
- 5. The Chair of Governor's met with the headteacher to discuss rationale and content on Friday 7th February 2020, before this policy was taken to full governors.
- 6. Ratification once amendments were made, the policy was shared with governors and ratified.



Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information and exploring issues and values.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity, nor is it a means of promoting any form of sexual orientation, as this would be inappropriate teaching.

Curriculum

Sex and relationships education is taught through many aspects of the curriculum. In particular, our Jigsaw programme sets out a whole school approach to SMSC through assemblies and classroom learning. The National Curriculum guidance for Science covers health issues, as well as animal and plant reproduction and life cycles. The Kidsafe Programme we use (see Appendix 2) also compliments the work we do around healthy relationships.

We have developed the policy in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

Our sex education will focus on:

- Preparing boys and girls for the changes that adolescence brings
- How a baby is conceived and born

For more information on our curriculum, see our progression document in Appendix 1.

Delivery of RSE

Specific sex and relationships education is taught in the classroom through schemes that fit within the parameters of this policy. This teaching is backed up by visiting professionals, in particular the school nurse, who can provide valuable support.

Discussion within the classroom will usually follow ground rules similar to those of circle time, thus minimising any embarrassment the children might feel, and allowing an atmosphere of respect for one another.

Relationships education focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships including:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring Friendships
- Respectful Relationships
- Online Relationships
- Being Safe

Whole-school approach

Jigsaw covers all areas of PSHE for the primary phase including statutory Relationships and Health Education. The table below gives the learning theme of each of the six Puzzles (units) and these are taught across the school; the learning deepens and broadens every year.

Term	Puzzle (Unit)	Content
Autumn 1:	Being Me in My World	Includes understanding my own identity and how I fit well in the class, school and global community. Jigsaw Charter established.
Autumn 2:	Celebrating	Includes anti-bullying (cyber and homophobic bullying included)

	Difference	and understanding
Spring 1:	Dreams and Goals	Includes goal-setting, aspirations, who do I want to become and what would I like to do for work and to contribute to society
Spring 2:	Healthy Me	Includes drugs and alcohol education, self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices, sleep, nutrition, rest and exercise
Summer 1:	Relationships	Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills, bereavement and loss
Summer 2:	Changing Me	Includes Relationships and Sex Education in the context of coping positively with change

For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1, 2 and 3.

Provision for pupils with special needs

Sex and relationships education is an integral part of our curriculum, and as such is open to all pupils regardless of gender or disability. It is the responsibility of the Head Teacher, the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and class teachers to ensure that the needs of pupils are met.

Parents' rights to withdraw

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 4 of this policy and addressed to the headteacher.

Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

Confidentiality

Teachers conduct sex and relationship education lessons in a sensitive manner and in confidence. However, if a child makes a reference to being involved, or likely to be involved in a sexual activity, then the teacher will deal with it as a matter of child protection. Teachers will respond in a similar way if a child indicates that they may have been the victim of abuse. In these circumstances the teacher must note down what has been said, and immediately bring it to the attention of the designated safeguarding lead, or one of her deputies.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body

The governing body will approve the RSE policy and hold the headteacher to account for its implementation.

The Headteacher

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the school and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from non-statutory/non-science components of RSE.

Staff

Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdraw from the nonstatutory/non-science components of RSE.

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE should discuss this with the headteacher.

Monitoring arrangements

staff voice.

The delivery of RSE is monitored by Kate Hunter, Deputy Headteacher, through:
A selection and/or combination of planning scrutinies, book scrutinies, learning walks, pupil voice and

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal systems.

	Appendix 1: Progression Overview of Curriculum Skills					
Age	Being Me In My	Celebrating	Dreams and	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me
Ages 3-5 (F1-F2)	World Self-identity Understanding feelings Being in a classroom Being gentle Rights and responsibilities	Difference Identifying talents Being special Families Where we live Making friends Standing up for yourself	Challenges Perseverance Goal-setting Overcoming obstacles Seeking help Jobs Achieving goals	Exercising bodies Physical activity Healthy food Sleep Keeping clean Safety	Family life Friendships Breaking friendships Falling out Dealing with bullying Being a good friend	Bodies Respecting my body Growing up Growth and change Fun and fears Celebrations
Ages 5-6	Feeling special and safe Being part of a class Rights and responsibilities Rewards and feeling proud Consequences Owning the Learning Charter	Similarities and differences Understanding bullying and knowing how to deal with it Making new friends Celebrating the differences in everyone	Setting goals Identifying successes and achievements Learning styles Working well and celebrating achievement with a partner Tackling new challenges Identifying and overcoming obstacles Feelings of success	Keeping myself healthy Healthier lifestyle choices Keeping clean Being safe Medicine safety/safety with household items Road safety Linking health and happiness	Belonging to a family Making friends/being a good friend Physical contact preferences People who help us Qualities as a friend and person Self-acknowledgement Being a good friend to myself Celebrating special relationships	Life cycles – animal and human Changes in me Changes since being a baby Differences between female and male bodies (correct terminology) Linking growing and learning Coping with change Transition
Ages 6-7	Hopes and fears for the year Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Safe and fair learning environment Valuing contributions Choices Recognising feelings	Assumptions and stereotypes about gender Understanding bullying Standing up for self and others Making new friends Gender diversity Celebrating difference and remaining friends	Achieving realistic goals Perseverance Learning strengths Learning with others Group co-operation Contributing to and sharing success	Motivation Healthier choices Relaxation Helthy eating and nutrition Healthier snacks and sharing food	Different types of family Physical contact boundaries Friendship and conflict Secrets Trust and appreciation Expressing appreciation for special relationships	Life cycles in nature Growing from young to old Increasing independence Differences in female and male bodies (correct terminology) Assertiveness Preparing for transition
Ages 7-8	Setting personal goals Self-identity and worth Positivity in challenges Rules, rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences Responsible choices Seeing things from others' perspectives	Families and their differences Family conflict and how to manage it (child-centred) Witnessing bullying and how to solve it Recognising how words can be hurtful Giving and receiving compliments	Difficult challenges and achieving success Dreams and ambitions New challenges Motivation and enthusiasm Recognising and trying to overcome obstacles Evaluating learning processes Managing feelings Simple budgeting	Exercise Fitness challenges Food labelling and healthy swaps Attitudes towards drugs Keeping safe and why it's important online and off line scenarios Respect for myself and others Healthy and safe choices	Family roles and responsibilities Friendship and negotiation Keeping safe online and who to go to for help Being a global citizen Being aware of how my choices affect others Awareness of how other children have different lives Expressing appreciation for family and friends	How babies grow Understanding a baby's needs Outside body changes Inside body changes Family stereotypes Challenging my ideas Preparing for transition

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Age	Being Me In My	Celebrating	Dreams and	Healthy Me	Relationships	Changing Me	
Group	World	Difference	Goals				

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Ages 8-9	Being part of a class team Being a school citizen Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council) Rewards and consequences Group decisionmaking Having a voice What motivates behaviour	Challenging assumptions Judging by appearance Accepting self and others Understanding influences Understanding bullying Problem-solving Identifying how special and unique everyone is First impressions	Hopes and dreams Overcoming disappointment Creating new, realistic dreams Achieving goals Working in a group Celebrating contributions Resilience Positive attitudes	Healthier friendships Group dynamics Smoking Alcohol Assertiveness Peer pressure Celebrating inner strength	Jealousy Love and loss Memories of loved ones Getting on and Falling Out Girlfriends and boyfriends Showing appreciation to people and animals	Being unique Having a baby Girls and puberty Confidence in change Accepting change Preparing for transition Environmental change
Ages 9-10	Planning the forthcoming year Being a citizen Rights and responsibilities Rewards and consequences How behaviour affects groups Democracy, having a voice, participating	Cultural differences and how they can cause conflict Racism Rumours and name-calling Types of bullying Material wealth and happiness Enjoying and respecting other cultures	Future dreams The importance of money Jobs and careers Dream job and how to get there Goals in different cultures Supporting others (charity) Motivation	Smoking, including vaping Alcohol Alcohol and antisocial behaviour Emergency aid Body image Relationships with food Healthy choices Motivation and behaviour	Self-recognition and self-worth Building self-esteem Safer online communities Rights and responsibilities online Online gaming and gambling Reducing screen time Dangers of online grooming SMARRT internet safety rules	Self- and body image Influence of online and media on body image Puberty for girls Puberty for boys Conception (including IVF) Growing responsibility Coping with change Preparing for transition
Ages 10- 11	Identifying goals for the year Global citizenship Children's universal rights Feeling welcome and valued Choices, consequences and rewards Group dynamics Democracy, having a voice Anti-social behaviour Role-modelling	Perceptions of normality Understanding disability Power struggles Understanding bullying Inclusion/exclusion Differences as conflict, difference as celebration Empathy	Personal learning goals, in and out of school Success criteria Emotions in success Making a difference in the world Motivation Recognising achievements Compliments	Taking personal responsibility How substances affect the body Exploitation, including 'county lines' and gang culture Emotional and mental health Managing stress	Mental health Identifying mental health worries and sources of support Love and loss Managing feelings Power and control Assertiveness Technology safety Take responsibility with technology use	Self-image Body image Puberty and feelings Conception to birth Reflections about change Physical attraction Respect and consent Boyfriends/girlfriends Sexting Transition

Appendix 2: Kidsafe.

The Kidsafe programme is delivered in the classroom with active participation from children and staff. The course material is age appropriate with child friendly messages delivered through a variety of approaches. The programme contains five 45 minute sessions delivered over a five week period. There is also a 45 minute re-cap session delivered approximately three months after the completion of the course. This is delivered throughout the school.

Session One	 Introduction – What is Kidsafe?
Session one	Keeping safe
	Game 1 – Ups and Downs
	Trust Duilding Trust
	- Building Trust
	- Trust Game
	• Feelings
	• Exercise 01 – Sad, scared and worried sheet.
	Re-cap of this session
	Thumbs – passing KS round.
Session Two	Introduction
	Re-ca previous session
	Bullying
	- What does bullying mean?
	- STOP – Several Times On Purpose
	- Bullying examples
	- How to STOP bullying
	• Voice
	- Using your voice
	- Voice – practice
	 Your voice and Yukky feelings
	Trusted grown – ups
	- Identifying your trusted grown ups
	- Homework
	 Re-cap of this session including KS scenarios
	Thumbs – passing KS round.
Session Three	Introduction
	Re-cap previous session
	 Keeping safe when you are using computers and the internet.
	- Talk about anti-virus/firewall software
	Keeping safe when you are watching TV
	- Talk about 9pm watershed
	Keeping safe when you are playing computer games and watching DVDs
	Talking about age ratings
	Re-cap of this session including KS scenarios
	Thumbs – passing KS round
Session Four	Introduction
	Re-cap previous session
	Keeping your private places safe.
	Rules for your body and private places
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	 When it is all right for people to see your private places 			
	• Secrets			
	 Re – cap of this session including KS scenarios 			
	 Thumbs- passing KS round 			
Session Five	 Introduction 			
	 Re-cap previous session 			
	Re-cap of rules			
	 What to do when parents/carers argue and or spilt up 			
	 Trusted grown-ups other than mams/dads/carers 			
	 End of Kidsafe course Game 5 – Up and Downs. 			
	 Re – cap of this session including KS scenarios 			
	 Thumbs- passing KS round 			
Session six – follow up	 Introduction 			
re-cap session	 Game 06 – Re-cap Ups and Downs 			
	- Trust			
	- Yukky feeling			
	- Saying No			
	- Yukky secrets			
	- KS Yukky feeling			
	• Rules –			
	 Times when it is all right for people to see your private places. 			
	Trusted grown ups			
	 Identifying your trusted grown -ups. 			
	 Re – cap of this session including KS scenarios 			
	Thumbs- passing KS round			

Appendix 3: Expectation upon leaving Primary School.

	Pupils should know	How Jigsaw provides the solution
Families and people who care for me	 R1 that families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability. R2 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. R3 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. R4 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. R5 that marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong (Marriage in England and Wales is available to both opposite sex and same sex couples. The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 extended marriage to same sex couples in England and Wales. The ceremony through which a couple get married may be civil or religious). R6 how to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others 	
Caring friendships	 R7 how important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends R8 the characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties R9 that healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others and do not make 	

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·	others feel lonely or excluded	
	R10 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	
	R11 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	
Respectful	help and advice from others, if needed	
relationships	R12 the importance of respecting others, All the importanc	
Telationships	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	
	R13 practical steps they can take in a range	
	of different contexts to improve or support	
	respectful relationships	
	R14 the conventions of courtesy and	
	manners	
	R15 the importance of self-respect and how	
	this links to their own happiness	
	R16 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	
	R17 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	
	R18 what a stereotype is, and how	
	stereotypes can be unfair, negative or	
	destructive	
	R19 the importance of permission-seeking	
	and giving in relationships with friends,	
Online	peers and adults	All of those aspects are
Online relationships	R20 that people sometimes behave differently online, including by protonding to	All of these aspects are covered in lessons within the
Telationships	differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not.	Puzzles
	 R21 that the same principles apply to online 	1 422103
	relationships as to face-to-face relationships,	 Relationships
	including the importance of respect for	Changing Me
	others online including when we are	Celebrating
	anonymous.	Difference
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•	R22 the rules and principles for keeping safe	
•	online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them. R23 how to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met. R24 how information and data is shared and used online.	
Being safe	R25what sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context). R26 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. R27 that each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact. R28 how to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know. R29 how to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult. R30 how to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard, R31 how to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so. R32 where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources.	All of these aspects are covered in lessons within the Puzzles Relationships Changing Me Celebrating Difference

Physical health and mental well-being education in Primary schools – DfE Guidance

The focus in primary school should be on teaching the characteristics of good physical health and mental wellbeing. Teachers should be clear that mental well-being is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.

By the end of primary school:

	Pupils should know	How Jigsaw provides the solution
Mental wellbeing	 H1 that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health. H2 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 	All of these aspects are covered in lessons within the Puzzles • Healthy Me • Relationships • Changing Me • Celebrating Difference

- experiences and situations.
- H3 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.
- H4 how to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate.
- H5 the benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and servicebased activity on mental well-being and happiness.
- H6 simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests.
- H7 isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support.
- H8 that bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing.
- H9 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 well-being or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online).
- H10 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.

Internet safety and harms

- H11 that for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits.
- H12 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.

All of these aspects are covered in lessons within the Puzzles

- Relationships
- Healthy Me

Relationships and Sex Education Policy. H13 how to consider the effect of their online actions on others and knowhow to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private. H14 why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted. • H15 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. H16 how to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted. H17 where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online. **Physical** All of these aspects are covered in H18 the characteristics and mental health and lessons within the Puzzles and physical benefits of an active fitness lifestyle. Healthy Me H19 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. H20 the risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity). • H21 how and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their **Healthy eating** All of these aspects are covered in H22 what constitutes a healthy diet lessons within the Puzzles (including understanding calories and other nutritional content). Healthy Me • H23 the principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals. • H24 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). Drugs, alcohol H25 the facts about legal and illegal

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and tobacco	harmful substances and associated	
	risks, including smoking, alcohol use	
	and drug-taking	
Health and	 H26 how to recognise early signs of 	All of these aspects are covered in
prevention	physical illness, such as weight loss, or	lessons within the Puzzles
	unexplained changes to the body.	
	H27 about safe and unsafe exposure	 Healthy Me
	to the sun, and how to reduce the risk	
	of sun damage, including skin cancer.	
	H28 the importance of sufficient good	
	quality sleep for good health and that	
	a lack of sleep can affect weight,	
	mood and ability to learn.	
	H29 about dental health and the	
	benefits of good oral hygiene and	
	dental flossing, including regular	
	check-ups at the dentist.	
	H30 about personal hygiene and	
	germs including bacteria, viruses, how	
	they are spread and treated, and the	
	importance of handwashing.	
	H31 the facts and science relating to	
	immunisation and vaccination	
Basic first aid	H32 how to make a clear and efficient	All of these aspects are covered in
	call to emergency services if	lessons within the Puzzles
	necessary.	
	H33 concepts of basic first-aid, for	Healthy Me
	example dealing with common	
	injuries, including head injuries.	
Changing	H34 key facts about puberty and the	All of these aspects are covered in
adolescent	changing adolescent body,	lessons within the Puzzles
body	particularly from age 9 through to age	
	11, including physical and emotional	 Changing Me
	changes.	Healthy Me
	H35 about menstrual wellbeing	
	including the key facts about the	
	menstrual cycle.	

Appendix 4: Parent Form: Withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for wanting to withdraw from sex education within relationships and sex education			
Any other information you would like the school to consider			
Parent signature			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL			
Agreed actions Include notes from discussions with parents and agreed actions eg: Joe Bloggs will be			
from discussion	taking part in all relationships lessons and du		
with parents	working independently on a Project in the Ye	_	
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