

WREN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



RELATIONSHIPS, HEALTH AND SEX 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. 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 sex 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.

Development of the Policy

This policy has been developed in line with national guidance and a consultation process involving staff, parents, governors and other partners has been facilitated.

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 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 through the school website and through overviews 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 either verbally or written.

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

See table below for the content laid out in the DfE Guidance:

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 and civil partnership 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• That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Respectful Relationships	<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 • 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 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 • What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive • The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults
Online relationships	<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 • 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
Being safe	<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

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.

- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety and harms
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Health and prevention
- Basic first aid
- Changing adolescent body

See table below for the content laid out in the DfE Guidance:

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 (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.• Bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing.• 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.
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<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 and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing. • 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. • Why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted. • 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>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; 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>Healthy Eating</p>	<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>Drugs alcohol and tobacco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.
<p>Health and Prevention</p>	<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 hand washing. • The facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination.
<p>Basic First Aid</p>	<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.
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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 including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities.
- 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 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 later.
- The teacher may answer individual questions 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.

All staff members at the school will undergo training to ensure they are up-to-date with the relationship and health education programme and associated issues. Support and training materials from the Department for Education, have been shared with staff, to help train teachers on relationships, sex and health education (Department for Education, 2020 – see [Appendix 1](#)).

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.

Training of staff will also be scheduled around any updated guidance on the programme and any new developments, which may need to be addressed in relation to the programme.

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
- People with a disability
- 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 or are in the process of transitioning
- People who are pregnant or on maternity leave
- People in marriage and civil partnership and people who are not in marriage or civil partnership

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 (such as those with social, emotional or mental health needs) are entitled to learn about relationships and health education, and the programme will be designed to be inclusive of all pupils. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and discussed with the parent/carer where necessary.

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 (step/half siblings) single parent families, LGBTQ+ 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 (for example: looked after children or young carers).

Provisions under the Equality Act 2010 allow our school to take positive action, where it can be evidenced to be proportionate, to respond to particular disadvantages affecting a group because Relationships, Health and Sex Education Policy

of a protected characteristic. When deciding whether support is necessary to support pupils with a particular protected characteristic, we will consider our pupils' needs, including the gender and age range of our pupils.

We will encourage children to be respectful of the differences between boys and girls, but we will also be careful of assuming that boys and girls have distinct characteristics which can lead to negative stereotyping. For example, we will discourage negative characterisation of gender such as "boys don't cry", or "girls shouldn't play football" and dispel any manifestations of discrimination from an early age. In order to foster healthy and respectful peer-to-peer communication and behaviour between boys and girls, the school implements a robust Behaviour Policy, which set out expectations of pupils.

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 teach pupils sex education beyond what is required of the science curriculum including pressures / risks, making informed choices, human reproduction, pregnancy and birth, keeping 'secrets' and valuing myself (see curriculum overview in [Appendix 4](#)). A wide range of teaching methods are used, that enable pupils to actively participate in their own learning. This includes use of quizzes, case studies, research, role-play, video, small group discussion and use of appropriate guest speakers. Where it is regarded as particularly beneficial, pupils are divided into single gender groups for part of lessons or whole lessons. It is desirable that the class teacher and the TA or a member of staff well known to the children lead the sessions. If the teacher is absent a short-term supply teacher should not undertake it.

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.

Parents' right to withdraw

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships 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 3](#) for objectives taught and terminology used). The changing of the adolescent body topics will be taught in mixed sex groups. Parents have a legal right to withdraw their children from dedicated 'sex education' lessons however we advise asking to see the teaching material before doing so.

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the relationships health education subject lead, Headteacher and governors. The next scheduled review date for this policy is **April 2024**

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 by newsletters and the school website.

Date policy approved: **May 2026**

Date of next review: **Autumn 2026**

Appendix 1

Consultation with:

Derby City Council Education Officer – PACE advisor

Representatives from:

Derbyshire LGBT+

Local community schools and LA and PEIP group schools

Department for Education (2019) Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. Available at:

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Appendix 2

How Wren Park Primary School consults with parents in the development and delivery of the curriculum:

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Parents are consulted in the review of the curriculum and this policy, and are encouraged to provide their views at any time verbally or written. This can be facilitated via:

- Initial parent consultation survey on Draft Policy (2021) prior to publishing
- Email admin@wrenpark.derby.sch.uk in the subject line please type: RSE
- Telephone 01332 512732
- Requested meetings with the Headteacher, RSE or PHSE Leader

Appendix 3

Y1: Statutory Requirements:

- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including pets).
- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should use the local environment throughout the year to explore and answer questions about animals in their habitat. They should understand how to take care of animals taken from their local environment and the need to return them safely after study. Pupils should become familiar with the common names of some fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, including those that are kept as pets.

Pupils should have plenty of opportunities to learn the names of the main body parts (including head, neck, arms, elbows, legs, knees, face, ears, eyes, hair, mouth, teeth) through games, actions, songs and rhymes.

Pupils might work scientifically by: using their observations to compare and contrast animals at first hand or through videos and photographs, describing how they identify and group them; grouping animals according to what they eat; and using their senses to compare different textures, sounds and smells.

Y2: Statutory Requirements:

- Notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should be introduced to the basic needs of animals for survival, as well as the importance of exercise and nutrition for humans. They should also be introduced to the processes of reproduction and growth in animals. The focus at this stage should be on questions that help pupils recognise growth; they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs.

The following examples might be used: egg, chick, chicken; egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; spawn, tadpole, frog; lamb, sheep. Growing into adults can include reference to baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult.

Pupils might work scientifically by: observing, through video or first-hand observation and measurement, how different animals, including humans, grow; asking questions about what things animals need for survival and what humans need to stay healthy; and suggesting ways to find answers to their questions.

Y3: Statutory Requirements:

- identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat
- identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should continue to learn about the importance of nutrition and should be introduced to the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles, finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.

Pupils might work scientifically by: identifying and grouping animals with and without skeletons and observing and comparing their movement; exploring ideas about what would happen if humans did not have skeletons. They might compare and contrast the diets of different animals (including their pets) and decide ways of grouping them according to what they eat. They might research different food groups and how they keep us healthy, and design meals based on what they find out.

Y4: Statutory Requirements:

- describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans
- identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions
- construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system, for example, mouth, tongue, teeth, oesophagus, stomach and small and large intestine and explore questions that help them to understand their special functions. Pupils might work scientifically by: comparing the teeth of carnivores and herbivores, and suggesting reasons for differences; finding out what damages teeth and how to look after them. They might draw and discuss their ideas about the digestive system and compare them with models or images.

Y5: Statutory Requirements:

- 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.
- Find out about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants, and sexual reproduction in animals.
- Describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

Notes and guidance (non-statutory):

Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in growth and development of humans. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.

Pupils could work scientifically by researching the gestation periods of other animals and comparing them with humans; by finding out and recording the length and mass of a baby as it grows.

Y6: Statutory Requirements:

- How to keep their bodies healthy and how their bodies might be damaged- including how some drugs and other substances can be harmful to the human body.

Appendix 4

How Wren Park Primary School covers the statutory content of relationships, health and sex education across the school's curriculum

FS2-Y6 PSHE/RSE overview

Jigsaw (The mindful approach to PSHE) is followed across all year groups in school. Jigsaw is a comprehensive scheme of learning for PSHE Education including Emotional Literacy, Social Skills and Spiritual Development. Below are the themes for each term.

(** RSE part of the Jigsaw scheme.)

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Reception to Year 6	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Differences	Dreams and Goals	Healthy Me**	Relationships**	Changing Me**

Note: Year 5/6 complete PSHE in a different order than below due to the arrangement of Topic in hopes to achieve a cohesive curriculum. However, all modules and objectives are still covered. Ask to see specific overview if needed.

The PANTS Rule will be taught during topic time annually for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3.

Growing up content will cover: The process of growing from young to old, exploring growing and changing and becoming independent, the correct names for the main parts of the body (including external genitalia), identifying people who they can ask for help and think about how they might do that, identifying ways of keeping safe and knowing they do not keep secrets, privacy in different contexts, respecting the needs of ourselves and other people, identifying similarities and difference, what physical contact is acceptable, that everybody is unique.

Puberty including menstruation will be taught during Y5 topic time for one week annually.

Growing up content will cover: That images in the media do not always reflect reality, celebrating our strengths/qualities, the kinds of changes that happen in life and the associated feelings, that simple hygiene routine can prevent the spread of bacteria, changes that happen as they grow up including menstruation, the right to protect our bodies, differences and similarities between people, understanding everyone is equal, the difference between acceptable and unacceptable physical contact, knowing the names of the body parts and recognising and challenging stereotypes.

Puberty and sex education will be taught during Y6 topic time for one week annually.

Growing up content will cover: Exploring how images in the media and online do not always reflect reality, identifying the intensity of feelings, recognising conflicting feelings, that simple hygiene routine can prevent the spread of bacteria, identifying pressures and influences, understanding changes that happen at puberty, understanding what puberty and human reproduction, knowing what sexual intercourse is and safety around this, identifying qualities of a healthy relationship, committed loving relationships including LGBTQ+, about differences and similarities between people, understanding everyone is equal and debate topical issues.

**Learning Outcomes for Health and Relationships taught in Foundation Stage
Jigsaw Scheme of Work**

Healthy Me **	Relationships **
Learning Intentions	Learning Intentions
I understand that I need to exercise to keep my body healthy	I can identify some of the jobs I do in my family and how I feel like I belong
I understand how moving and resting are good for my body	I know how to make friends to stop myself from feeling lonely
I know which foods are healthy and not so healthy and can make healthy eating choices	I can think of ways to solve problems and stay friends
I know how to help myself go to sleep and understand why sleep is good for me	I am starting to understand the impact of using unkind words
I can wash my hands thoroughly and understand why this is important especially before I eat and after I go to the toilet	I can use Calm Me time to manage my feelings
I know what a stranger is and how to stay safe if a stranger approaches me	I know how to be a good friend

**Learning Outcomes taught for Health and Relationships Year 1 to Year 6
Jigsaw Scheme of Work**

	Healthy Me	Relationships
Year 1	<p>I can tell you why I think my body is amazing and can identify some ways to keep it safe and healthy</p> <p>I can recognise how being healthy helps me to feel happy</p>	<p>I can tell you why I appreciate someone who is special to me</p> <p>and express how I feel about them</p>
Year 2	<p>I can make some healthy snacks and explain why they are good for my body</p> <p>I can express how it feels to share healthy food with my friends</p>	<p>I can identify some of the things that cause conflict between me and my friends</p> <p>I can demonstrate how to use the positive problem-solving technique to resolve conflicts with my friends</p>
Year 3	<p>I can identify things, people and places that I need to keep safe from, and can tell you some strategies for keeping myself safe including who to go to for help</p> <p>I can express how being anxious or scared feels</p>	<p>I can explain how some of the actions and work of people around the world help and influence my life</p> <p>and can show an awareness of how this could affect my choices</p>

	Healthy Me	Relationships
Year 4	<p>I can recognise when people are putting me under pressure and can explain ways to resist this when I want to</p> <p>I can identify feelings of anxiety and fear associated with peer pressure</p>	<p>I can explain different points of view on an animal rights issue</p> <p>and express my own opinion and feelings on this</p>
Year 5	<p>I can describe the different roles food can play in people's lives and can explain how people can develop eating problems (disorders) relating to body image pressures</p> <p>I respect and value my body</p>	<p>I can explain how to stay safe when using technology to communicate with my friends</p> <p>I can recognise and resist pressures to use technology in ways that may be risky or cause harm to myself or others</p>
Year 6	<p>I can evaluate when alcohol is being used responsibly, anti-socially or being misused</p> <p>I can tell you how I feel about using alcohol when I am older and my reasons for this</p>	<p>I can recognise when people are trying to gain power or control</p> <p>I can demonstrate ways I could stand up for myself and my friends in situations where others are trying to gain power or control</p>

Lesson Overviews (Adapted from Jigsaw - Changing Me) for Sex Education Reception to Year 6

Reception - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)
Development Matters 2012 Early Years Curriculum 2014

Lesson	Development Levels	Weekly Celebration
1. My Body	<p>Making relationships D5 - Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults D6 - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others ELG - Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and form positive relationships with adults and other children</p>	<p>Understand that everyone is unique and special.</p> <p>Using NSPCC Pants</p>
2. Keeping My Body Healthy	<p>Making relationships D6 - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others ELG - Show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and form positive relationships with adults and other children</p> <p>Self-confidence and self-awareness D6 - Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities ELG - Say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas</p>	<p>Can express how they feel when change happens</p>
3. Growing Up	<p>Making relationships D4 - Seeks out others to share experiences. Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them D6 - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others ELG - They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings</p> <p>Self-confidence and self-awareness D5 - Confident to talk to other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community D6 - Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities ELG - They are confident to speak in a familiar group and will talk about their ideas</p>	<p>Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves</p>

<p>4. Fun and Worries</p>	<p>Making relationships D6 - Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say. Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others ELG - They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children</p> <p>Self-confidence and self-awareness D4 - Expresses own preferences and interests D5 - Confident to talk to other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community. Shows confidence in asking adults for help D6 - Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities ELG - They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas</p> <p>Managing feelings and behaviour D4 - Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed. Can express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, and worried. Responds to the feelings and wishes of others D5 - Aware of own feelings ELG - Children talk about how they and others show feelings</p>	<p>Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people</p>
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<p>6. Celebration</p>	<p>Making relationships D4 - Seeks out others to share experiences D5 - Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults D6 - Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say. Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others ELG - They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children</p> <p>Self-confidence and self-awareness D4 - Expresses own preferences and interests D5 - Is more outgoing towards unfamiliar people and more confident in new social situations. Confident to talk to other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community. D6 - Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities ELG - They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas</p>	<p>Are looking forward to change</p>
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Year 1 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lesson	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. Life cycles	I am starting to understand the life cycles of animals and humans	I understand that changes happen as we grow and that this is OK
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Changing Me	I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same	I know that changes are OK and that sometimes they will happen whether I want them to or not
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	3. My Changing Body	I can tell you how my body has changed since I was a baby	I understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates
Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people	4. Boys' and Girls' Bodies NSPCC Pants Rule https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/	I can identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and can use the correct names for these: penis, vagina	I respect my body and understand which parts are private
Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	5. Learning and Growing	I understand that every time I learn something new I change a little bit	I enjoy learning new things
Are looking forward to change	6. Coping with Changes	I can tell you about changes that have happened in my life	I know some ways to cope with changes

Vocabulary list: changes, life cycles, baby, adulthood, grown-up, mature, male, female, learn, new, grow, feelings, worried, anxious, excited, coping

Year 2 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lessons	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. Life Cycles in Nature	I can recognise cycles of life in nature	I understand there are some changes that are outside my control and can recognise how I feel about this
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Growing from Young to Old	I can tell you about the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is not in my control	I can identify people I respect who are older than me
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	3. The Changing Me	I can recognise how my body has changed since I was a baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old	I feel proud about becoming more independent
Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people	4. Boys' and Girls' Bodies NSPCC Pants Rule https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/	I can recognise the physical differences (same and different) between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, testicles, vagina) and appreciate that some parts of my body are private	I can tell you what I like/don't like about being a boy/girl
Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	5. Assertiveness	I understand there are different types of touch and can tell you which ones I like and don't like e.g. being patted on the bottom on the playground.	I am confident to say what I like and don't like and can ask for help
Are looking forward to change	6. Looking Ahead	I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 3	I can start to think about changes I will make when I am in Year 3 and know how to go about this

Vocabulary list: change, baby, fully grown up, respect, grow, adult, growing up, appearance, life cycle, old, physical, control, toddler, freedom, timeline, boy, girl, vagina, penis, testicles, public, private, teenager, independent, responsibilities, touch, texture, cuddle, hug, squeeze, like, dislike, acceptable, unacceptable, comfortable, uncomfortable, looking forward, excited, nervous, anxious, happy

Year 3 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lessons	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. How Animals and Babies Grow	I understand that in animals and humans lots of changes happen between conception and growing up, and that usually it is the female who has the baby	I can express how I feel when I see babies or baby animals. E.g. How I feel when seeing a puppy, baby seahorses and baby elephants.
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Babies Healthy Development	I understand how babies grow and develop in the mother's belly. I understand what a baby needs to live and grow	I can express how I might feel if I had a new baby in my family
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	3. Stages of Human Growth	I can talk about the stages of human growth. I can sequence human growth on a timeline e.g. baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult.	I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with those feelings
Understand and respect my body	4. Pants Rule NSPCC https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/pants-underwear-rule/	I understand that my body belongs to me, and I should tell someone I trust if anything makes me feel upset or worried.	I can express how I feel when my ideas are challenged and might be willing to change my ideas sometimes
Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	5. Different Family Structures	I can start to recognise stereotypical ideas I might have about parenting and family roles	I can express how I feel when my ideas are challenged and might be willing to change my ideas sometimes
Are looking forward to change	6. Looking Ahead	I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 4	I can start to think about changes I will make when I am in Year 4 and know how to go about this

Vocabulary list: male, female, baby, development, milk, weening, solids, growing up, toddler, teenager, adult, pensioner, university, job, private parts, penis, vagina, being safe, adoption, fostering, names of family members

Year 4 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lessons	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. Unique Me	I understand that some of my personal characteristics have come from my birth parents.	I appreciate that I am a truly unique human being
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Changes	I have strategies to help me cope with physical and emotional changes.	I have strategies to help me cope with the physical and emotional changes as I grow up
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	3. Changing Me	I can talk about the stages of human growth. I can understand that changes are natural.	I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with those feelings
Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people	4. Circles of Change	I know how the circle of change works and can apply it to changes I want to make in my life	I am confident enough to try to make changes when I think they will benefit me
Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	5. Accepting Change	I can identify changes that have been and may continue to be outside of my control that I learnt to accept	I can express my fears and concerns about changes that are outside of my control and know how to manage these feelings positively
Are looking forward to change	6. Looking Ahead	I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 5	I can reflect on the changes I would like to make when I am in Year 5 and can describe how to go about this

Vocabulary list: Unique, individual, personal, birth parents, compare, similarities, differences, characteristics, change, adapt, physical, emotional, natural, changes, growing up, aging, circle, seasons, control, emotions, control, acceptance, looking forward, excited, nervous, anxious, happy

Year 5 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lessons	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. Self and Body Image	I am aware of my own self-image and how my body image fits into that	I know how to develop my own self esteem
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Puberty for Girls (These lessons will be taught in single, gender-specific groups, with the children's class teacher)	I can explain how a girl's body changes during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally	I understand that puberty is a natural process that happens to everybody and that it will be ok for me
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	2. Puberty for boys (These lessons will be taught in single, gender-specific groups, with the children's class teacher)	I can describe how boys' bodies change during puberty. Taking care of our mood, personal hygiene and awareness of body odour.	I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty
Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people	3. Life cycles	I can describe the life process of reproduction in humans and some animals. I know that mammals give birth to live young and that males and females are involved in the process of reproduction.	I appreciate how amazing it is that human bodies can reproduce in these ways
Know who to ask for help if they are worried about change	4. Looking Ahead	I can identify what I am looking forward to about becoming a teenager and understand this brings growing responsibilities (age of consent)	I am confident that I can cope with the changes that growing up will bring
Are looking forward to change	5. Looking Ahead to Year 6	I can identify what I am looking forward to when I am in Year 6	I can start to think about changes I will make when I am in Year 6 and know how to go about this

Vocabulary list: periods, menstruation, tampons, sanitary towels, breasts, bras, deodorant, pubic hair, voice, breaking, sweating, shoulders broaden, adam's apple

Year 6 - Changing Me (Adapted from Jigsaw)

Weekly Celebration	Lessons	PSHE Education (Developed from National Framework DfEE 2000)	Emotional Literacy/Social Skills (Developed from SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning DfES 2004)
Understand that everyone is unique and special	1. My Self Image	I am aware of my own self-image and how my body image fits into that. Taking care of our mood, personal hygiene and awareness of body odour.	I know how to develop my own self esteem
Can express how they feel when change happens	2. Puberty	I can explain how girls' and boys' bodies change during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally. Taking care of our mood, personal hygiene and awareness of body odour.	I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty
Understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves	3. Girl Talk/Boy Talk (This lesson will be taught in single, gender-specific groups, girls with a female teacher and boys with a male teacher) Video shown with Q&A session	I can ask the questions I need answered about changes during puberty	I can reflect on how I feel about asking the questions and about the answers I receive
Understand and respect the changes that they see in other people	4. Babies - Conception to Birth <i>Revise life cycles lesson from Year 5</i>	I can describe how a baby develops from conception through pregnancy, and how a baby is born.	I recognise how I feel when I reflect on the development and birth of a baby
Are looking forward to change	5. Transition to Secondary School Strategies and making new friends.	I can identify what I am looking forward to and what worries me about the transition to secondary school	I know how to prepare myself emotionally for starting secondary school

Vocabulary list: pubic hair, menstruation, semen, puberty, tampon, breasts, hormones, ovulation, sanitary towel, testicles, sperm, penis, vagina, womb, ovaries, pregnancy, foetus

Appendix 5: Preparation for Revised RSHE Guidance Implementation (September 2026)

Preparation for Revised RSHE Guidance Implementation (September 2026)

Wren Park Primary School recognises the publication of the updated Department for Education Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) guidance issued in 2025, with implementation expected from September 2026.

During the 2025–2026 academic year, the school will continue to deliver Relationships and Health Education in line with the current statutory requirements while undertaking a phased review of policy, curriculum content and resources to ensure readiness for the revised guidance.

Areas Identified for Review

The school has identified the following areas for review and development in preparation for implementation of the revised guidance:

- Online safety and emerging digital risks, including age-appropriate teaching relating to harmful online content, manipulation, coercion and digital safeguarding.
- Review of curriculum sequencing to ensure content remains age-appropriate and developmentally suitable for primary-aged pupils.
- Further strengthening of safeguarding links between RSHE, child protection, online safety and behaviour policies.
- Continued promotion of respectful relationships, equality, inclusion and protected characteristics in line with statutory duties.
- Review of teaching resources and materials to ensure they remain appropriate, accurate and compliant with current guidance.
- Parent and carer consultation processes (in 2026-2027) to support transparency and curriculum understanding.

Actions During 2025–2026

To support implementation from September 2026, the school will and has started to:

- Monitor Department for Education updates and any additional statutory or non-statutory guidance.
- Review the current RSHE curriculum and associated resources.
- Provide staff training and professional development where required.
- Engage governors in reviewing policy developments and safeguarding implications.
- Consult with parents and carers regarding any significant curriculum or policy updates in advance of RSHE being taught in Summer Term 2027.
- Update the school's RSHE policy for approval prior to the September 2026 implementation date.

Until the revised policy is formally adopted, the school will continue to deliver RSHE in accordance with:

- the current statutory guidance,
- safeguarding requirements,
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE),
- and the school's existing safeguarding, online safety and behaviour policies.

The governing body and senior leadership team will keep developments under review to ensure the school remains compliant with statutory expectations and safeguarding responsibilities.