

Hulme Hall Grammar School



Relationships and Sex Education Policy

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Introduction

Relationships and Sex Education is an important part of children's preparation for adult life and covers moral and emotional as well as physical development. It is not about the promotion of sexual orientation or sexual activity.

The purpose of relationships and sex education should be to provide knowledge about stable and loving relationships, the nature of sexuality and the processes of human reproduction. At the same time, it should lead to the acquisition of understanding and attitudes which prepare students to view their relationships in a responsible and healthy manner. Students should be encouraged to consider the importance of self-restraint, dignity, respect for themselves and others, acceptance of responsibility, sensitivity towards the needs of others, loyalty and fidelity. They should be able to recognise the physical, emotional and moral implications, and risks, of certain types of behaviour, and to accept that both sexes must behave responsibly in sexual matters.

Our Aims Are:

- To encourage students to discuss relationships and sex issues in a mature, responsible and age appropriate manner, equipping them to make informed decisions in the future
- To provide information and resources which are appropriate for different age groups, including access to and information from relevant outside agencies
- To provide access to effective teaching materials through the PSHE Scheme of Work which are regularly reviewed and updated by the Head of PSHE through feedback from the students and PSHE teachers.

How is Relationships and Sex Education provided?

- The Head of PSHE is responsible for planning, delivery and evaluation of our relationships and sex education programme. Delivery is through our PSHE courses, together with the biology curriculum. Relationship issues are also addressed through other relevant subjects such as English and drama
 - The School's programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education is addressed throughout all years, with age appropriate topics and learning activities. Included within this are reference to Contraception, Sexually Transmitted Infections, HIV/AIDS, Abortion, Attitudes to Relationships (including educating pupils about the dangers of being in unhealthy relationships) and Pornography
 - Delivery is via PSHE lessons
 - Further details for the provision of Relationships and Sex Education can be found in the PSHE Scheme of Work.
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The Right of Withdrawal from Lessons

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from any or all parts of the School's programme of relationships and sex education, other than those elements which are required by the National Curriculum. The parental right of withdrawal extends to all pupils including those over compulsory school age. The parental right of withdrawal may be exercised by either parent or by a person who has responsibility for or care of the child. Parents do not have to give reasons for their decision although we would like them to indicate their reasons for withdrawal so that any misunderstandings about the nature of the relationships and sex education provided by the School can be resolved. Any request to withdraw a child from all or part of the relationships and sex education programme must complete the relevant RSE form which is provided in the admissions package when starting at Hulme Hall Grammar School.



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