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Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) Policy for EYFS-Year 8 (including Boarders)

Introduction

Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and off line. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.

This policy is drafted in accordance with all relevant legislation and the Department for Education (DfE) Statutory Guidance on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education.

DfES statutory Guidance states that from September 2020 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is compulsory for all pupils from reception to Year 8. At Wellington College Prep, we have been teaching Relationships, Health and Sex Education for many years as part of our Learning For Life+ programme. New guidance was released in July 2025 for implementation by September 2026. The HoD and DH Pastoral will attend training and ensure that the curriculum and policy is robust. This policy has been adapted accordingly and will be ratified if adapted again before September 2026.

This policy takes account of the requirements of the Guidance in the context of Wellington College Prep. It sits alongside the following policies and curricula:

- Learning For Life curriculum
- Biology curriculum
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
- Online safety Policy
- Low Level Concern policy
- Acceptable Use of ICT Policy
- Mental Health & Wellbeing Policy
- Anti-Bullying (including cyber bullying) Policy
- SEND Policy

At Wellington College Prep, Relationships & Sex Education is defined as:

“The lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development. It is about the understanding of the importance of positive, loving, respectful relationships as a basis for family life. It is about the teaching of sex, sexuality and sexual health. It is not about the promotion of sexual orientation or sexual activity.”

In line with the guidance, parents will be able to view the curriculum on the parent curriculum pages and have been made aware of the curriculum at the 'Year Ahead' talks at the beginning of each year. At the start of the Summer term a letter is sent to all parents explaining the curriculum for the Summer term – the curriculum is placed on the landing pages. The Deputy Head Pastoral will monitor and evaluate the teaching of relationships and Sex Education to ensure that it meets the needs of our pupils and their families.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) at Wellington College Prep, forms part of the school's Learning For Life Programme. The LFL programme is a taught curriculum aimed at helping pupils to reflect on and develop the habits of a life well-lived. All RSE lessons are informed by this philosophy and aim to help children and young people to make informed, deliberate and skilful choices in their lives which contribute to their own flourishing and the flourishing of others. A significant focus of RSE at Wellington College Prep is on safeguarding and equipping young people to avoid harmful or damaging situations however, this is never to the detriment of the primary focus and philosophy of the LFL programme; namely to develop the positive attributes and dispositions needed for a flourishing life.

Aims of the RSE Policy

- Wellington College Prep aims to meet the needs of all pupils through the provision of a balanced, comprehensive and coordinated curriculum within which teaching about relationships can occur.
- We take a whole school approach to supporting pupils to be safe, happy and prepared for life beyond school.
- Teaching will take place during Learning For Life lessons, science lessons and through discussion of moral and ethical issues across the curriculum. The teaching will be tailored to the age and stage of development of the children.
- We recognise that parents are the key people in helping their children cope with the emotional and physical aspects of growing up within the culture and ethos of their family unit, teaching their children about relationships and sex and preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities of being an adult. At Wellington College Prep, we believe that it is our role to compliment and reinforce what pupils learn at home.
- Wellington College Prep has a Christian ethos, however, our pupils come from a variety of different faiths and cultural backgrounds. We are committed to the provision of Relationships and Sex Education to all of our pupils. We aim to respond to the diversity of children's cultures, faiths and family backgrounds and we comply with the provisions of the Equality Act 2010. We take account of our SEND Policy; resources and teaching are adapted to meet the needs of pupils with SEND.
- The content of the Relationships and Sex Education programme at Wellington College Prep will be monitored and evaluated by the Deputy Head Pastoral in consultation with the Safeguarding team, the Headteacher, the LFL HoD and the governing body.
- By following a progressive program, RSE at Wellington College Prep is not simply something which is bolted on as children go through puberty or the issues that arise but is gradually developed as an integral part of our Learning For Life (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship/Well Being) Curriculum.

Production, Review and Consultation

- a. This policy was drafted by the Deputy Head Pastoral and the Deputy Head Safeguarding. It has been reviewed and approved by the Senior Leadership Team and the relevant School Governors.
- b. This policy has been published to all Wellington College Prep parents and carers via the school website.
- c. Teaching staff have been invited to give their input on the policy and are welcome to view the content of the Sex and Relationships lessons on Sharepoint and is shared on the Learning for Life Microsoft Team.
- d. Year 5-8 pupils are consulted annually in LFL lessons in the Summer term, lead by the Deputy Head Pastoral, on the content of their RSE lessons and are invited to make suggestions on how the lessons might be improved. We have received feedback from the recent Edurio survey from the children, as a result we will be looking to ensure that the year 7 and 8 curriculum feels relevant to the children while still covering the content that is statutory.
- e. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Heads of Year and at appropriate intervals by the School Governing Body or relevant sub-committee.

Right to withdraw from Relationships & Sex Education

- In line with government guidance, *Relationship Education* is compulsory for all pupils at Wellington College Prep. There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education.
- In Years Reception to Year 6, a parent's wishes to withdraw their child from *Sex Education* will automatically be granted, other than as part of the science curriculum.
- In Years 7&8, parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some, or all, of *Sex Education* delivered as part of statutory RSE. Before granting any such request, the school will advise a meeting with parents to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the RSE curriculum. The meeting will also inform the parents of the social and emotional effects of their child being withdrawn as well as the likelihood of the child hearing their peers' version of what was said in the classes, rather than what was directly said by the teacher. This meeting will be documented.
- This process is the same for pupils with SEND. However, there may be exceptional circumstances where a pupil's specific needs arising from their SEND needs to be taken into account when making the decision.
- If a pupil is withdrawn from Sex Education, it is our responsibility to ensure that they receive appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal.

Working with external agencies

- In some circumstances external organisations are invited in the Wellington College Prep to enhance delivery of these subjects, bringing in specialist knowledge and different ways of engaging with young people.

- Visitor credentials will be checked as per Safeguarding protocol. We will discuss the detail of how the visitor will deliver their sessions and ensure that the content is age-appropriate and accessible for our pupils. We will ask to see the materials visitors will use as well as a lesson plan in advance, so that we can ensure it meets the full range of pupils' needs (e.g. special educational needs). We will also agree how confidentiality will work in any lesson and that the visitor understands how safeguarding reports should be dealt with in line with Wellington College Prep policy.

How we deliver Relationships & Sex Education

- At Wellington College Prep, Learning For Life lessons are timetabled for one hour, weekly for the whole year group. The lessons are delivered by specialist PSHE teachers who teach the children in form groups. As lessons are timetabled for the same time once a fortnight there is an opportunity to split into gender specific groups.
- The Learning For Life curriculum is ever changing to respond to the demands of the specific year groups and relevant issues. However, the areas listed below are covered each year.
- Ground rules will always be set with the class to help manage sensitive discussion and a question box will be used to allow pupils to raise issues anonymously.

Managing difficult questions

Pupils in Reception to Year 6 will often ask teachers or other adults questions pertaining to sex or sexuality which go beyond what is set out for Relationships Education. At Wellington College Prep, we handle these questions in a factual manner on a need-to-know basis. Given ease of access to the internet, children whose questions go unanswered may turn to inappropriate sources of information.

At Wellington College Prep we have a graduated, age-appropriate programme of Relationships Education through our LFL programme. Children of the same age may be developmentally at different stages, leading to differing types of questions or behaviours. Our teaching methods take account of these differences (including when they are due to specific special educational needs or disabilities) and we offer the potential for discussion on a one-to-one basis or in small groups.

Relationships Education Reception – Year 8

The focus is on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and with adults.

This starts with pupils being taught about what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who the people are who can support them. From the beginning of primary school, building on early education, pupils are taught how to take turns, how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect, the importance of honesty and truthfulness, permission seeking and giving, and the concept of personal privacy. Establishing personal space and boundaries, showing respect and understanding the differences between appropriate and

inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact – these are the forerunners of teaching about consent, which takes place at secondary.

Respect for others is taught in an age-appropriate way, in terms of understanding one's own and others' boundaries in play, in negotiations about space, toys, books, resources and so on.

From the beginning, teachers talk explicitly about the features of healthy friendships, family relationships and other relationships which young children are likely to encounter. Drawing attention to these in a range of contexts enables pupils to form a strong early understanding of the features of relationships that are likely to lead to happiness and security. This will also help them to recognise any less positive relationships when they encounter them.

The principles of positive relationships also apply online especially as, by the end of Year 6, many children will already be using the internet. When teaching relationships content, we address online safety and appropriate behaviour in a way that is relevant to pupils' lives. We include content on how information and data is shared and used in all contexts, including online; for example, sharing pictures, understanding that many websites are businesses and how sites may use information provided by users in ways they might not expect.

Teaching about families requires sensitive and well-judged teaching based on knowledge of pupils and their circumstances. Families of many forms provide a nurturing environment for children. (Families can include for example, single parent families, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures.) Care is taken to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances and needs, to reflect sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them; e.g. looked after children or young carers.

A growing ability to form strong and positive relationships with others depends on the deliberate cultivation of character traits and positive personal attributes, (sometimes referred to as 'virtues') in the individual. In a school wide context which encourages the development and practice of resilience and other attributes, this includes character traits such as helping pupils to believe they can achieve, persevere with tasks, work towards long-term rewards and continue despite setbacks. Alongside understanding the importance of self-respect and self-worth, pupils should develop personal attributes including honesty, integrity, courage, humility, kindness, generosity, trustworthiness and a sense of justice. This is achieved in a variety of ways including by providing planned opportunities for Wellington College Prep pupils to undertake social action, active citizenship and voluntary service to others locally as part of our Golden Eagle Programme.

Our Learning For Life+ programme enables us to teach pupils about positive emotional and mental wellbeing, including how friendships can support mental wellbeing. (Please see our Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy).

Our Learning For Life programme teaches pupils to recognise and to report abuse, including emotional, physical and sexual abuse. In Reception – Year 6 this is delivered by focusing on boundaries and privacy, ensuring our pupils understand that they have rights over their own bodies. This also includes understanding boundaries in friendships with peers and also in

families and with others, in all contexts, including online. Pupils are taught how to report concerns and seek advice when they suspect or know that something is wrong. We ensure that we balance teaching children about making sensible decisions to stay safe (including online) whilst being clear it is never the fault of a child who is abused and why victim blaming is always wrong. These subjects complement Health Education and as part of a comprehensive programme and whole school approach, this knowledge can support safeguarding of children.

Relationships & Sex Education Years 3 - Year 6

At Wellington College Prep within our Learning for Life curriculum and Science curriculum pupils will be taught about the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty) and reproduction in some plants and animals. In addition, Years 5 & 6 will cover some content on sex education to meet the needs of the pupils. This will include information on the physical changes at puberty, what sexual intercourse is and how a baby is born. This content supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development through these years. It will ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings. These lessons will run closely alongside the relationships aspect of the curriculum. Teaching will take account of the developmental differences of children.

Wellington College Prep will offer parents support in talking to their children about sex education and how to link this with what is being taught in school.

By the end of Year 6:

Families and people who care for me	Pupils should know • 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 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 friendships	Pupils should know • 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. - 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	Pupils should know - 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	Pupils should know - 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	Pupils should know • 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.
Sex Education	Pupils should know • the parts of the sexual reproductive system in both boys and girls • the physical and emotional changes that will happen at puberty in both boys and girls • what sexual intercourse is • how a baby is conceived • how a baby is born • the law about sexual intercourse • who to talk to if they have concerns • that there are different types of sexual relationships

Relationships and Sex Education Years 7&8

In Years 7&8, the aim of RSE at Wellington College Prep is to give the pupils the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds, not just intimate relationships. Our curriculum will help them to know what a healthy relationship looks like and what makes a good friend, a good colleague and a successful marriage or other type of committed relationship.

In Year 7 we will recap on the RSE curriculum in Years 5&6. We will discuss boyfriend/girlfriend relationships, body image and peer pressure in relation to intimate relationships.

In Year 8 we will discuss when the right time is to have a sexual relationship, developing intimate relationships, resisting pressure to have sex (and not applying pressure), contraception and sexually transmitted diseases. We will help pupils understand the positive effects that good relationships have on their mental wellbeing, identify when relationships are not right and understand how such situations can be managed.

We believe that effective RSE does not encourage early sexual experimentation. It should teach young people to understand human sexuality and to respect themselves and others. It enables young people to mature, build their confidence and self-esteem and understand the reasons for delaying sexual activity. Effective RSE also supports people, throughout life, to develop safe, fulfilling and healthy sexual relationships, at the appropriate time.

Knowledge about safer sex and sexual health remains important to ensure that our pupils are equipped to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life. This will be delivered in a non-judgemental, factual way and allow scope for our pupils to ask questions in a safe environment. Ground rules will always be set with the class to help manage sensitive discussion and a question box will be used to allow pupils to raise issues anonymously.

Pupils will begin to understand the benefits of healthy relationships to their mental wellbeing and self-respect. Through gaining the knowledge of what a healthy relationship is like, they can be empowered to identify when relationships are unhealthy. They should be taught that unhealthy relationships can have a lasting, negative impact on mental wellbeing.

As in the younger years, Years 7&8 Relationships Education is underpinned by a wider, deliberate cultivation and practice of resilience and character in the individual. These character traits such as belief in achieving goals and persevering with tasks, as well as personal attributes such as honesty, integrity, courage, humility, kindness, generosity, trustworthiness and a sense of justice, underpinned by an understanding of the importance of self-respect and self-worth all form part of our Wellington College Prep Values. The development of these attributes is also supported through the Golden Eagle Programme for example through planned opportunities for pupils to undertake social action, active citizenship and voluntary service to others locally or more widely.

Pupils in Years 7&8 are taught the facts and the law about sex, sexuality, sexual health and gender identity in an age-appropriate and inclusive way. The content is relevant to them and their developing sexuality. Sexual orientation and gender identity is explained in a clear, sensitive and respectful manner. It is recognised that there will be a range of opinions regarding RSE. The starting principle when teaching each of these must be that the applicable law should be taught in a factual way so that pupils are clear on their rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Grooming, sexual exploitation and domestic abuse, including coercive and controlling behaviour, is also explained sensitively and clearly.

Internet safety is addressed. Pupils are taught the rules and principles for keeping safe online. This will include how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how and to whom to report issues. Pupils are made aware of how data is generated, collected, shared and used online, for example, how personal data is captured on social media or understanding the way that businesses may exploit the data available to them.

By the end of Year 8:

Wellington College prep pupils will have developed the knowledge covered in Years Reception to Year 6 and in addition cover the following:

Families	Pupils should know • that there are different types of committed, stable relationships. • how these relationships might contribute to human happiness and their importance for bringing up children. • the characteristics and legal status of other types of long-term relationships.
Respectful relationships, including friendships	Pupils should know • how stereotypes, in particular stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage (e.g. how they might normalise non-consensual behaviour or encourage prejudice). • practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships. • 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 people in positions of authority and due tolerance of other people's beliefs. • about different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying and how and where to get help. • that some types of behaviour within relationships are criminal, including violent behaviour and coercive control. • what constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable.
Online and media	Pupils should know • their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online. • about online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online. • not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them. • what to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online. • the impact of viewing harmful content. • that specifically sexually explicit material e.g. pornography presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners. • that sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail. • how information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online.
Being safe	Pupils should know • the concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and FGM, and how these can affect current and future relationships. • how people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online).

Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health	Pupils should know • how to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship. • that all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing. • that there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others. • Understanding misogyny, consent and power imbalances including sexual harassment and what that means. • the facts about contraceptive choices. • the facts around early pregnancy. • how the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use). • about the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment. • how the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour. • The law about sexual intercourse, the sending or receiving of sexual images.
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Health Education

By the end of Year 8:

Mental wellbeing	Pupils should know • that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health. • 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 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, mindfulness techniques, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests. • that bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing. • how to recognise the early signs of mental wellbeing concerns. • 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).
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	• 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. • that happiness is linked to being connected to others and that isolation and loneliness can affect them and that it is very important for them to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support. • common types of mental ill health (e.g. anxiety and depression). • how to critically evaluate when something they do or are involved in has a positive or negative effect on their own or others' mental health.
Internet safety and harms	Pupils should know • that 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. • that the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, online scams including sextortion 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. • the impact of unhealthy or obsessive comparison with others online (including through setting unrealistic expectations for body image) • AI related risks, including deep fakes and chat bots and media profiles • Misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theories • where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online.
Physical health and fitness	Pupils should know • 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. • about the science relating to cancer, cardiovascular ill-health, blood, organ and stem cell donation. • Detailed coverage of gynaecological and menstrual health
Healthy eating	Pupils should know • 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).

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco	Pupils should know - the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, e-cigarettes (vaping), alcohol use and drug-taking. the physical and psychological risks associated with alcohol consumption and what constitutes low risk alcohol consumption in adulthood. - the physical and psychological consequences of addiction, including alcohol dependency. - awareness of the dangers of drugs which are prescribed but still present serious health risks. - the facts about the harms from smoking tobacco (particularly the link to lung cancer)
Health and prevention	Pupils should know - 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, the importance of handwashing, the prevention of infection, and about antibiotics. - the facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination.
Basic first aid	Pupils should know: - 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. - the purpose of defibrillators and when one might be needed.
Changing adolescent body	Pupils should know: - 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.

Letter home to parents at the start of the Summer term:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During the summer term 2025, our LFL focus for the school will be RSE (Relationship and sex Education). This is a core part of the children's learning about growing up and changes they will encounter.

Each year group will spend time looking at how they will change at an age-appropriate level.

Years 1 to 6 will base their learning upon the JIGSAW PSHE scheme and years 7 and 8 will be using materials from the PSHE Association and the NSPCC.

Please look at the parent pages to see the RSE policy and an overview of lessons that will be

used in class to teach the children.

As part of relationships education, I have arranged for Years 1 to 6 to participate in the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe programme.

Speak out Stay safe is an age-appropriate safeguarding programme for children aged 5- to 11-years-old. It is available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It helps children understand:

- abuse in all its forms and how to recognise the signs of abuse
- that abuse is never a child's fault and they have the right to be safe
- where to get help and the sources of help available to them, including the Childline service.

This learning will take place during the week commencing 6th May and Years 2, 5 and 6 will participate in a workshop run by NSPCC volunteers while the rest of the year groups will participate in activities in LFL lessons. If you would like to know more about the Speak.outj.Stay.safe; programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

If you have any questions about the learning you child will be undertaking, please do contact me.

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