



# **Great Sampford Primary School**

## **Sex & Relationship Education Policy**

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## **Aims and Objectives**

This policy is a working document, which provides guidance and information on all aspects of SRE in the school for staff, parents/carers and governors.

Effective SRE can make a significant contribution to the development of the personal skills needed by pupils, if they are to establish and maintain relationships. It also enables young people to make responsible and informed decisions about their health and well-being. This policy is written in conjunction with the aims of the guidance published by the Department for Education 2019.

Supplementary information can be found in our:

- Teaching & Learning policy
- Behaviour, exclusion & anti bullying policy
- Safeguarding policy

All of which can be found on our website.

## **Moral and Values Framework**

The SRE programme at Great Sampford Primary School reflects the school ethos and demonstrates and encourages the following values:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for their own actions
- Responsibility for their family, friends, schools and wider community.

## **Equal Opportunities Statement**

The school is committed to the provision of SRE to all of its pupils. Our programme aims to respond to the diversity of children's cultures, faiths and family backgrounds. Equal time and provision will be allocated for all groups but there may be occasions where children with additional needs are given extra support.

## **Content**

### **Key Stage 1**

- Pupils learn to recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others.
- Identify and share their feelings with each other.
- Recognise safe and unsafe situations and can identify and be able to talk to someone they trust.

### **Key Stage 2**

- Pupils learn to express their opinions about relationships and bullying and to listen to and support others, including respecting other people's viewpoints and beliefs. They learn to recognise their own worth and identify positive things about themselves and try to balance the stresses in life in order to promote their own mental health and well-being of others.
- Life processes are discussed including the physical changes that take place at puberty, why they happen and how to manage them.
- Age and cultural backgrounds of the pupils were regarded in relation to images used. The range of material used is available to parents/carers and informative books are available to children.

## Organisation

- SRE should not be delivered in isolation but firmly embedded in all curriculum areas, including Personal, Social Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship
- SRE is normally delivered by the class teacher, with support from the school nursing team as appropriate. It is normally taught in mixed gender groups other than when it is deemed more appropriate for topics to be covered in single sex groups.
- Resources to be used are: Health for Life, Real Health for Real Life, BBC and Sense Ed materials.

SRE may be delivered through class teaching, film and circle time activities with an emphasis on being safe; confidentiality and trust, raising self esteem. A "surgery" offering one to one information or advice is available to Year 6. External agencies such as the Provide and the school nurse are also involved in delivery of SRE where possible.

## School visitor policy:

- Visitors are invited in to school because of the particular expertise or contribution they are able to make;
- All visitors are familiar with and understand the school's SRE policy and work within it;
- All input to SRE lessons is part of a planned programme and negotiated and agreed with staff in advance;
- All visitors are supervised/supported by a member of staff at all times;
- The input of visitors is monitored and evaluated by staff and pupils. This evaluation informs future planning;
- All visitors will be aware of the most up to date guidance published by the Department for Education.

## Assessment and Evaluation

Elements of the sex education in the science curriculum are assessed formally.

Assessment and evaluation of the SRE programme outside the science order is conducted using a variety of informal activities which have been built into the programme. These could include peer assessment and self assessment. Teachers delivering SRE should constantly evaluate their lessons to inform future planning.

## Specific Issues within SRE:

### Withdrawal

Parents/Carers have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the Sex and Relationships Education provided at school except for those parts included in statutory National Curriculum Science. Those parents/carers wishing to exercise this right are invited in to see the Head teacher who will explore any concerns and discuss any impact that withdrawal may have on the child. Once a child has been withdrawn they cannot take part in the SRE programme until the request for withdrawal has been removed. The Head Teacher will explain the advantages of taking part as clearly as possible. Materials are available to Parents/Carers who wish to supplement the school SRE programme or who wish to deliver SRE to their children at home.

## Confidentiality and Child Protection Issues

As a general rule a child's confidentiality is maintained by the teacher or member of staff concerned. If this person believes that the child is at risk or in danger, she/he talks to the designated safeguarding lead who takes action as laid down in the Child Protection Policy. Members of staff are familiar with the policy and know the identity of the member of staff with responsibility for Child Protection issues.

The child concerned will be informed that confidentiality is being breached and reasons why. The child will be supported by the teacher throughout the process.

### **Answering Difficult Questions**

Members of staff are aware that views around SRE related issues are varied. However, while personal views are respected, all SRE issues are taught without bias. Topics are presented using a variety of views and beliefs so that pupils are able to form their own, informed opinions but also respect others that may have a different opinion.

Both formal and informal SRE arising from pupils' questions are answered according to the age and maturity of the pupil(s) concerned. Questions do not have to be answered directly, and can be addressed individually later. The school believes that individual teachers must use their skill and discretion in this area and refer to the designated safeguarding lead if they are concerned.

### **Dissemination**

All staff members and governors receive a copy of the SRE policy. Training is regularly delivered to staff on the policy content. Copies of the SRE policy are available from the school office on request from parents.

Great Sampford Primary School believes in the importance of appropriate staff training to enable staff to deliver effective SRE. The teachers should access courses or INSET opportunities to assist their own delivery of SRE.