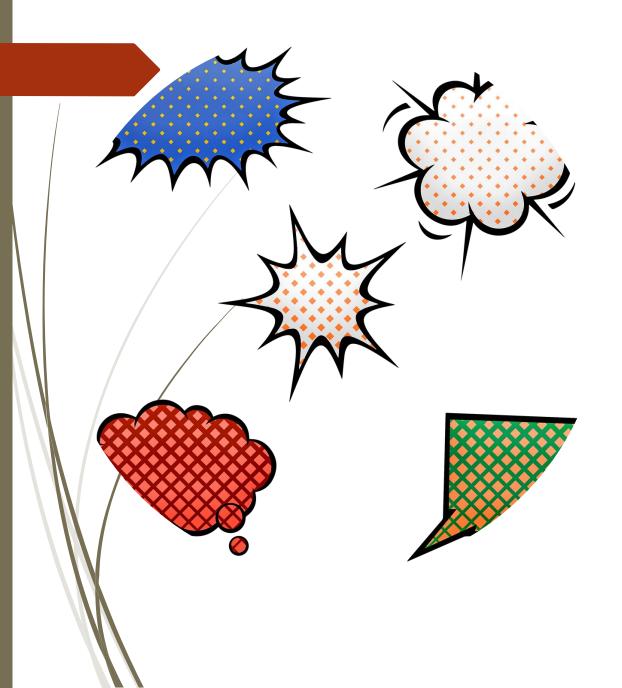
RSE at Firs Farm Primary School

Objectives:

- To explore why RSE is important.
- To share the statutory requirement of RSE that came into place in September 2020.
- To explain what the statutory changes are to RSE provision.

What was your experience of RSE?





What do you want for your children?

What do your children need?

Why is RSE important?

- RSE is vital in ensuring all young people have the opportunity to explore and learn about healthy relationships.
- RSE projects allow them to fully understand what relationships are, who they have them with and what the qualities of a healthy relationship look like.

- Celebrity culture
- Media influences, social media
- Sexualised images –TV, advertising, online
 - Access to pornography
 - Online safety & behaviour, sexting, vulnerability to grooming
 - Impact above all on children and young people's attitudes, behaviour and values

The world in which they live

What we can offer through RSE:

- Understanding their value and the values of others.
- Instilling confidence and self-esteem.
- Reliable, correct information in a safe learning environment
- Knowing how to keep safe.
- Helping with peer pressure.
- Learning how to make sensible and informed decisions in a changing cultural climate.

Statutory RSE

Department for Education

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

Statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams, teachers

Primary Relationships Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them.

In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect. By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

You can find further details by searching **'relationships, sex and health education'** on GOV.UK.

Primary Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

You can find further details by searching **'relationships, sex and health education'** on GOV.UK.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

(The science curriculum in all primary schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.)

Secondary Relationships and Sex Education

Relationships and Sex Education will build on the teaching at primary. It aims to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds.

Your child's school will cover content on what healthy and unhealthy relationships look like and what makes a good friend, colleague and successful marriage or committed relationship. At the appropriate time, the focus will move to developing intimate relationships, to equip your child with knowledge they need to make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress through adult life. By the end of secondary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families
- respectful relationships, including friendships
- online media
- being safe
- intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

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Partnership with parents

- Primary educators of children
- Unique knowledge of your children
- Ability to have regular conversations
- Impart our shared values.
- Teach alongside the school.
- RSE most effective when reinforced at home and elsewhere.

- Some parents find it difficult or lack confidence.
- Some homes are unable to provide this.
- Some children prefer these conversations outside the home

DfE- Parents rights

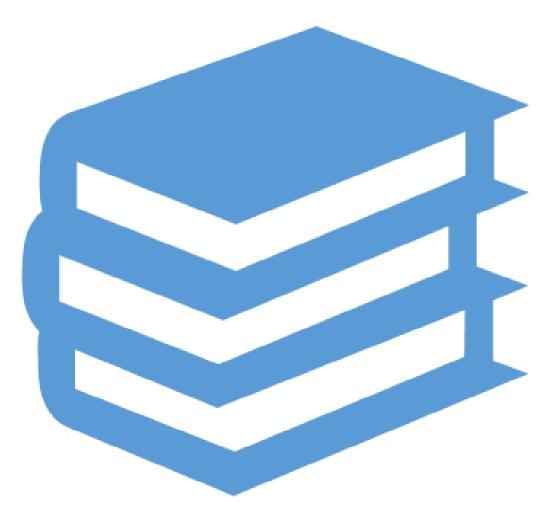
The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued under this new curriculum.

Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up.

Your child's school is required to consult with you when developing and renewing their policies on Relationships Education. These policies must be published online and be available to anybody free of charge.

You can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional nonstatutory content.

Schools are required to ensure their teaching reflects the age and religious background of their pupils.



DfE - Right to withdraw your child-Primary

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

Your child's primary school can choose to teach Sex Education. If you'd like to know more about this, we recommend speaking to the school to understand what will be taught and when. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At Firs Farm Primary School we will only be teaching as far as reproduction which is statutory.

The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.

DfE- Right to withdraw your child – Secondary

You cannot withdraw your child from Health Education or the Relationships Education element of Relationships and Sex Education, because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the Sex Education lessons delivered at secondary, you can ask that they are withdrawn. Your child's head teacher will consider this request and discuss it with you, and will grant this in all but exceptional circumstances, up until three school terms before your child turns 16. At this age, your child can choose to receive Sex Education if they would like to, and the school should arrange for your child to receive this teaching in one of those three terms (unless there are exceptional circumstances).

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Parents/ Carers responses