

Trinity Christian School Nursery, Primary & Secondary



**TRINITY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

Relationships and Sex Education Policy

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Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

Statutory guidance requires schools to ensure that their policy “meets the needs of pupils and parents and reflects the community they serve”.

Introduction:

Relationships Education is compulsory in all Primary schools in England and Relationships and Sex Education is compulsory in all Secondary schools. Our curriculum is designed to present our Creator’s design for our bodies and to help our pupils follow Jesus with their sexuality. In so doing, we aim to present a holistic and Christ centred view of sex, sexuality and gender whilst acknowledging other views that exist in society and encouraging respect for all people.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with:

- British values Policy
- SMSC Policy
- Prevent Policy
- Code of Conduct Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

Biblical perspective

Trinity Christian School is a school with a “religious character”. Our RSE curriculum is therefore taught from a biblical perspective and is designed to help pupils become resilient in their Christian faith. Being taught from a biblical perspective, the RSE curriculum aims to lay the foundations for individual character and attitudes that will honour God and others. As such, our RSE teaching is based on our Christian faith where compassion, respect, tolerance and unconditional love of all people are foundational to what we believe. This can be summed up in Matthew 22:36-40:

“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” And Jesus replied to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it, “You shall love your neighbour as yourself [that is, unselfishly seek the best or higher good for others].’The whole Law and the [writings of the] Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Our RSE teaching is thus designed to enable our precious children make wise and informed choices about relationships and potential future marriage, whilst encouraging them to be kind and respectful of others (e.g. ‘love your neighbour as yourself’).

Key objectives:

In the teaching of RSE, we want our pupils to:

- Have a high degree of self-esteem.
- Be confident in their own Christian faith and understand what the bible teaches about relationships, sexuality and including the possibility of future marriage
- Develop godly attitudes and actions in their social interactions and relationships with others
- Develop biblical wisdom in the realm of all conduct in relationships
- Be well prepared for adult life, and the possibility of marriage and family planning
- Develop a godly understanding about consent in a sexual relationship and understand when consent is not present and its consequences on the perpetrator and victim
- Be non-judgemental, tolerant, respectful and loving towards others with different faiths and beliefs
- Be mindful regarding the requirements in law of the 2010 Equality Act and protected characteristics
- Challenge any expression of sexism/misogyny,
- Challenge any expression of intolerance, hatred, bullying or homophobia towards others.

The School's Role (RSE)

Trinity Christian School works to support parents in the teaching of RSE from a biblical perspective. The school's role therefore is one of supporting and enabling the parents to fulfil their responsibility, *alongside* the teaching required by law. Parents are welcome to discuss the content of this teaching with the relevant teachers, as with all other subjects in the curriculum.

Definitions

Relationship Education includes any aspect of our teaching which deals with the interaction between the individual and others. It is very broad in its scope and is therefore integrated into many subjects, as well as being explicitly taught in PSHE or Citizenship lessons.

Sex Education is only compulsory and taught in the secondary school. The content of sex education is always taught from a biblical perspective and is designed to provide a safe environment for young people to ask and debate questions - some of which might be seen to be "contentious".

RSE and faith teaching

RSE will be taught from a biblical perspective (Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:4 - 6 Ephesians 5:5 - 22) but always within the boundaries of the law and always from a non-judgemental attitude. If contentious issues arise they must be discussed with sensitivity. In so doing, children must be provided with a safe environment to discuss issues of relationships and sexuality and must never encounter discrimination or be made to feel judged. The emphasis should always be to ensure that a balanced and respectful discussion/debate can take place so that all children (including those with protected characteristics) can feel valued and confident.

Curriculum and Teaching

RSE is taught in an integrated way throughout the school and teachers deliver age appropriate teaching in line with the maturity of the pupils. The Relationship and Sex Education curriculum map (appendix 1) demonstrates where RSE and PSHE is taught in both Primary and Secondary school.

Key biblical verses that the teaching of RSE (including marriage and sex within the marriage) is built upon.

- Genesis 2: 18-24
- Matthew 19: 4-6
- Ephesians 5:22

Right of withdrawal

Parents do not have the statutory right to ask that their child is withdrawn from Relationship Education. However, in line with statutory guidance, parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education delivered as part of RSE. Before granting such request we ask that parents meet with the Headteacher to discuss their concerns. If a meeting is not possible, we ask that the parental concerns are communicated in written form. Once these concerns have been discussed and logged, and except for exceptional circumstances the school will respect the rights of the parent to withdraw their child.

In the event of a parent requesting that their child be withdrawn from Sex education and that child is within three months of their 16th birthday and wishes to have sex education then the statutory guidance is to provide one terms sex education to that child.

Pupils with SEND

In essence the curriculum and topics covered are similar to RSE with mainstream pupils however, the pace and detail of topics may be different and pupils may need lots of support to generalise their learning outside of RSE lessons and support to personalise the learning to their own relationships, behaviours and maturation.

RSE learning is made accessible for all children, including those with a disability and those with a special education need (SEND) in a variety of ways which include:

- Individual Learning Plans (IEPs)
- Educational Health Care Plans
- Differentiated learning experiences
- Personalised Pastoral Support

RSE Review

Any proposed edits or changes required to this Policy will be brought to the governors for discussion. Parents will be consulted on the revised policy and the proposed changes considered in the light of their feedback. No changes will be made until this process is complete and governors have approved the revised policy.

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the school's SLT.

We recognise that it might be "expedient" to edit this policy before the two-year cycle. This could be in response to a parental concern or other unperceived reason. However, the above process of consultation will be adhered to before making a change.

Appendix 1 RSE/PSHE Curriculum map

Key Stage 2

Years 3 + 4 RSE and PSHE Curriculum map. Specific RSE units are highlighted and identified

Y3/4	Year One 2021-22	Year Two 2022-23
Term 1a	Self-esteem. I am a child of God	Values and British values
Term 1b	Teamwork	Respect and respectful relationships Relationships Education 3
Term 2a	Families and people who care for me Part One Relationships Education 1	Aiming high
Term 2b	Diverse Britain	Caring friendships Part 1 RSE Relationships Education 2
Term 3a	No bullies here	Money matters
Term 3b	Online relationships - Being safe part One Relationships Education 4 + 5	Be healthy Diet Exercise Lifestyle

Key stage 2

Years 5 + 6 RSE and PSHE Curriculum map. Specific RSE units are highlighted

Y5/6	Year One 2021-22	Year Two 2022-23
Term 1a	Self-esteem. I am a child of God Part two	Values and British values Part two
Term 1b	Teamwork Part two	Respect and respectful relationships Part two Relationships Education 3
Term 2a	Families and people who care for me Part two Relationships Education 1	Aiming high
Term 2b	Diverse Britain Part two	Caring friendships Part two

		RSE Relationships Education 2
Term 3a	No bullies here Part two	Money matters Part two
Term 3b	Online relationships - Staying safe in the digital world Part two Relationships Education 4 + 5	Physical health and mental well being

Key Stage 3

Years 7 - Y9 RSE and PSHE Curriculum map. Specific RSE units are highlighted

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Year 7	PSHE What is a good Citizenship	PSHE British values and The Law	PSHE/RSE We are a Diverse society	RSE 3/4 E Safety Online relationships	RSE 5 Real Love Rocks Intimate and sexual relationships	PSHE Government, elections and voting
Year 8	RSE 1 Families	PSHE An introduction to Human Rights	RSE 2 Respect and Respectful relationships	PSHE Public institutions The Police The NHS	PSHE Character Counts	RSE 2 Respectful and healthy relationships Abuse/Bullying
Year 9	RSE 2 Respectful and Healthy Relationships	PSHE The Power of Words	PSHE/RSE Conflict Respectful and healthy relationships 2	RSE 5 Being safe	PSHE Government, Elections and Voting	PSHE Positive thinking

Key Stage 4

RSE and PSHE Curriculum map

	Term 1a	Term 1b	Term 2a	Term 2b	Term 3a	Term 3b
Year 10	PSHE Human Rights Rights and Responsibilities	PSHE British Values	PSHE Grace and the Law Part 1	PSHE Grace and the Law Part 2	RSE 3/4 Sexting/Nudes Dangers of pornogrphy	PSHE Money Matters
Year 11	PSHE Careers Education Moving On - Life after Trinity	PSHE Confidence and Resilience	RSE 5 Sex Education Part One	RSE 5 Sex Education Part Two	EXAMS	EXAMS