

# **CURRICULUM POLICY**

**Including PSHE & RHE** 

Member of staff responsible: Headteacher

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### Introduction

The Study School provides a full-time supervised education to children aged 2 to 11 years (Nursery to Year 6). There is an option for children in the Nursery to attend part time; however, the majority of children attend full time for at least a term prior to moving into the Reception Year.

### **Aims**

The Study school offers a broad, balanced and enriching curriculum aimed at meeting the needs and stretching the aspirations of all pupil. The curriculum supports and reinforces the aims of the school and its ethos which:

- provides full-time supervised education for pupils of compulsory school age (construed in accordance with section 8 of the Education Act 1996), which gives pupils experience in linguistic, mathematical, scientific, technological, human and social, physical and aesthetic and creative education
- provides a programme of activities for pupils below compulsory school age which is appropriate to their educational needs in relation to personal, social, emotional and physical development and communication and language skills
- enables all pupils to acquire speaking, listening, literacy and numeracy skills.
- provides all pupils with the opportunity to learn and make progress
- inspires a love for learning which will last a lifetime
- promotes the highest standards in all learning and teaching
- contributes along with the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, to the ideal of a broad education for every pupil at the School
- is appropriate for the ultimate goals of senior school pre-tests, common entrance and assessment processes, Scholarship and Grammar Entry at 11+ and allows for a sensible balance between academic and non-academic subjects, given the demands on time for entrance examination preparation
- develops the study skills which pupils need to encourage initiative, individuality, independence, commitment, creativity and enquiry
- seeks to cater for all pupils according to their educational needs: this involves taking into account the ages, aptitudes and needs of all pupils and differentiating accordingly, being guided where appropriate, by a pupil's Individual Education Plan (IEP), as well as being mindful of and supporting those pupils who may have an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP);
- through Mindfulness sessions, promotes pupil's physical and emotional health and wellbeing, and raises awareness around the importance of mental health
- through weekly, timetabled Forest School sessions (provided to all students including EYFS stage) we give off the opportunity to explore and experience the natural world through practical activities using the outdoors to promote confidence, independence, risk-taking and self-esteem. We aim to promote positive relationships through cooperation with others, enabling them to be independent, self-motivated, courageous, considerate and respectful and set them up for lifelong learning.

- through curricular and extra-curricular activities, including the PSHE programme, reflects the School's aims and ethos, and contributes towards, develops and builds an awareness and appreciation in the pupils' personal social and health and economic education. This includes actively promoting the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- through PSHE, should ensure that respect for all people is encouraged, paying particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in the 2010 Equality Act.
- through Relationships Education ensuring all pupils in Years 1-6 receive Relationship Education
- provides lessons where the principal language of instruction is a Modern
   Foreign Language as well as lessons at Key Stage 2 in Latin
- provides religious education for all pupils
- prepares pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of life in British society. This includes extending pupils' understanding of career opportunities by providing up-to-date and impartial counsel and encouraging broad-based discussion of career paths in lessons and in general

### **Curriculum Implementation**

The effective implementation and development of the Curriculum is led by the Headmaster and Assistant Headteachers as well as the individual Subject Leaders.

The Headmaster, Assistant Headteachers and Subject Leaders liaise regularly to ensure the curriculum is fully reflective of the school's aims and objectives and is reflective of the school improvement plan. Regular liaison is encouraged between Subject Leaders and teachers, to ensure continuity and progression of the curriculum. Relevant job specifications make clear the expectations on teachers and Subject Leaders.

Breadth and balance are maintained through timetable allocations and curriculum content. All areas of the curriculum are subject to regular review following advice from the ISI and DfE. In order to facilitate this curriculum, the timetable is reviewed regularly. This ensures that consideration is given to changes in the education system in general, and that opportunities to improve the curriculum available to the pupils are taken.

The National Curriculum and Early Years Foundation Stage documentation provide the framework for the curriculum, which is at times accelerated to meet the needs of the children, to provide breadth and depth and to prepare for entry to Senior School.

Great care is taken in Curriculum planning, both for the long and medium term. Long-term plans and are available for each area of learning, providing an overview of the aims of the subject and how it is to be taught year on year, these are also known as 'Subject overviews'. Medium-term plans are called 'Schemes of work' and are prepared by relevant teachers, term by term, outlining exactly what is to be taught in that term and what resources are to be used. Long and Medium-term planning

documents are saved centrally on the school's server drive and are reviewed by the Leadership Team and subject leads.

The needs of the More Able (and High Ability pupils), the Middle Ability pupils and the Lower Ability pupils in particular subject areas, or groups of subjects, are considered in planning. Regular intervention is timetabled and planned for students who are on the EAL Register or are currently working at a significantly lower level than their peers in English and Maths.

### Teaching

Teachers use a mixture of traditional and modern methods, with an emphasis on whole class teaching. Bearing in mind ages and aptitudes, teachers have high expectations of pupils with regard to effort, commitment, and achievement.

Differentiated teaching and learning is a requirement within each mixed-ability class and the SEN Department, where appropriate.

Additional provision is included within the curriculum to both support and extend pupils based on their abilities across all subjects. Staff are aware of procedures used to highlight causes of concern, English as an additional language and information on how to accommodate the pupils' needs into the curriculum are held on the English as an Additional Language (EAL), Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Register.

Particular care is taken to:

- make reasonable adjustments to accommodate the needs of disabled children
- provide appropriate differentiation for children with significant learning difficulties or disabilities, and
- where a pupil has an Individual Support Plan (ISP), provide education which fulfils its requirements.

Computing skills are taught throughout the School. iPads are used in lessons to provide additional opportunities for IT.

### Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception)

The Foundation Stage provides a broad range of educational experiences which forms the basis of future learning.

The national EYFS curriculum is followed in Nursery and continues in Reception, with children progressing onto Key Stage 1 work, where appropriate, during the Summer Term in preparation for their move into Year 1.

The children are encouraged to learn through child- initiated play and activities, adult-led structured activities and develop their physical, intellectual, emotional and social skills.

The curriculum is carefully planned to provide children with a rich learning experience, based on their interests and experiences.

The seven areas of learning in the Foundation Stage are:

- Communication and Learning
- Physical Development
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design

The three characteristics of effective teaching and learning from the statutory framework for the EYFS are:

- Playing and exploring
- Active learning
- Creative and critical thinking

## **Key Stage One and Key Stage Two**

The pupils in Years 1-6 are given a strong grounding in the basics of the core subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computing

## They also study:

- History
- Geography
- Art
- French (Whole school including Nursery)
- Latin (Key Stage 2)
- Music
- Religious Education
- PSHE and RHE
- Performing Arts
- Physical Education
- Games
- Swimming (Key Stage 1)
- Forest School (Whole school including Nursery)

## **Curriculum Emphasis**

The Study School gives priority to the academic subjects in timetabling, with a particular emphasis on English and Maths. These core academic subjects may only be missed due to an outing or for agreed reasons (for example to attend a music lesson only when attendance during a non-core lesson is not possible) at the discretion of members of the SLT.

### Trips, outings and visitors during the term

Educational trips and visitors are organised by Teachers throughout the year and as far as reasonably possible, align with curriculum content and relevant learning objectives.

Trips and visits are organised with care to avoid disrupting the daily routine too often. For Year 6, the Autumn Term especially is kept clear of most of these arrangements. During other terms, the school will endeavour to prioritise academic commitments over other activities. All students in Key Stage 2 are offered the provision of a residential trip each academic year which aim to help develop students independence and self-confidence as well as providing students with practical memories and experiences that are linked to their curriculum subjects.

## **Disability/Inclusion**

In accordance with the statutory requirements the school aims to make the curriculum accessible to all pupils as far as is reasonably practicable. The School has an Accessibility Plan, which is available to parents.

### Differentiation

A variety of teaching and learning methods and materials are used to suit pupils' different needs. Differentiation is included in and an active element of each lesson to both scaffold for students and to stretch and challenge each learner.

### **Religious Education**

Religious Education, which includes the study of major world religions, is available to all pupils. While the school acknowledges parents have a right to withdraw their children from religious Education, the school strongly encourages all pupils to attend Religious Education lessons.

A Christian ethos informs our approach at The Study School and underpins our values in PSHE. However, the school acknowledges and welcomes children of all faiths and delivers a values-based rather than faith-based PSHE curriculum.

### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

The school's approach to PSHE is to reflect its aims and ethos. This includes actively promoting the Fundamental British Values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

PSHE is delivered through:

- weekly timetabled lessons
- Weekly Assemblies
- Form Time wellbeing and reflection sessions
- Cross-curricular links in all other areas of learning

The school promotes pupil's physical and emotional health and wellbeing, and raises awareness around the importance of mental health through a high-quality, wholeschool pastoral support programme including:

- Weekly wellbeing and reflection session
- Weekly staff meeting with a standing agenda on student wellbeing
- ELSA Sessions by certified LSA

Careers Education is delivered formally to both Years 5 and 6 through the PSHE curriculum content and, informally, to the whole school through visitors working in various fields talking to the children about their working experiences.

At The Study School, the PSHE curriculum is strongly tied to Relationship and Health Education (RHE) as well as pastoral care programme. In PSHE (and RHE) delivery, the school pays particular regard to the protected characteristics under Section 4 of the Equality Act 2010 (of which pupils are made aware to the extent which is age appropriate). They are as follows:

- Age
- Disability
- Gender reassignment
- Marriage and civil partnership
- Pregnancy and maternity
- Race
- Religion or belief
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

# **PSHE CURRICULUM CONTENT**

# EYFS Content

# **Early Years 3D PSHE Introduction Coverage**

Managing Feelings/ Behaviour	Lessons
Beginning to be able to negotiate and solve problems	Lesson 5 'what a problem'
without aggression (DM 40-60	Lesson 25 'Litter Bug!'
months) It's all about where to start!	
Talks about how they and other show	Lesson 2 'Nan's House'
feelings (ELG) It's all aboutheaving heart!	Lesson 20 'The New Pet'
Talks about their own and others' behaviour and its	Lesson 12 'Clean and Tidy'
consequences (ELG) it's all	Lesson 13 'Bully Boy'
aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 24 'Playtime Games'
Work as part of a group or class, and	Lesson 9 'Stick to the Rules'
understands and follows the rules (ELG) it's all abouttaking	
part!	

Making Relationships	Lessons
Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say (DM 40-60 months) Its all abouttaking part!	Lesson 7 'An Old Friend'
Explains own knowledge and understanding (DM 40-60 months) It's all abouttaking part!	Lesson 16 'All Join In' Lesson 23 'Eid Mubarak!'
Asks appropriate questions of others (DM 40-60 months) It's all aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 11 'I Feel Poorly' Lesson 18 'A Piece of Cake'
Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children by finding compromises (DM 40-60 months) It's all aboutwhere to start!	Lesson 4 'Its Your Turn'
Plays co-operatively, taking turns with others (ELG) It's all abouttaking part!	Lesson 4 'It's Your Turn' Lesson 24 'Playtime Games' Lesson 25 'Litter Bug!'
Takes account of one another's ideas about how to organise an activity (ELG) It's all abouthaving heart!	Lesson 10 'Rainy Days' Lesson 19 'Busy Body'
Shows sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and form positive relationships with adults and other children (ELG) It's all abouthaving heart!	Lesson 1 'Hide and Seek' Lesson 7 'An Old Friends' Lesson 14 'Family Fun' Lesson 23 'Eid Mubarak!'

Self Confidence/ Awareness	Lessons
Confidence to speak to others about own needs, wants,	Lesson 3 'I like'
interests and opinions (DM	Lesson 10 'Rainy Days'
40-60 months) It's all aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 25 'Litter Bug!'
Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities	Lesson 8 'Me and You'
(DM 40-60 months) It's all about being smart!	Lesson 15 'one Gold Star'
Confident to try new activities (ELG) It's all aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 6 'Taking the Plunge'
Says why they like some activities more then others (ELG) It's all about being smart!	Lesson 2 'Nan's House'
Confident to speak in a familiar group (ELG) It's all abouttaking part!	Lesson 10 'Rainy Days'
Talks about their ideas (ELG) It's all aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 10 'Rainy Days'
Chooses resources they need for their chosen activities (ELG) It's all aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 18 'A Piece of Cake'
Says when they do or don't need help (ELG) It's all	Lesson 6 'Take the Plunge'
aboutbeing smart!	Lesson 17 'I'm Stuck'
	Lesson 21 'Dressing Up'
	Lesson 22 'E-Safety, Be Safe'

Health and wellbeing overview		
Recognise	Reflect	Respond
<b>HW1</b> Know how to keep safe and how and where to get help.	<b>HW13</b> Listen to and show consideration for other people's views.	<b>HW18</b> Work and play independently and in groups, showing sensitivity to others.
<b>HW2</b> Recognise what is right and wrong, what is fair and unfair and explain why.	<b>HW14</b> Identify and talk about their own and others strengths and weaknesses and how to improve.	<b>HW19</b> Use strategies to stay safe when using ICT and the internet.
<b>HW3</b> Recognise how attitude and behaviour, including bullying, may affect others.	<b>HW15</b> Listen to, reflect on and respect other people's views and feelings.	HW20 Work independently and in groups, taking on different roles and collaborating towards
<b>HW4</b> Recognise and respect similarities and differences between people.	<b>HW16 N</b> egotiate and present their own views.	common goals.
<b>HW5</b> Recognise and respond to issues of safety relating to themselves and others and how to get help.	<b>HW17</b> Self-asses, understanding how this will help their future actions.	<b>HW21</b> Use ICT safely including keeping electronic data secure.
<b>HW6</b> recognise and manage risk in everyday activities.		HW22 Take the lead, prioritise actions and work independently and collaboratively towards goals.
<b>HW7</b> Recognise how attitude, behaviour and peer pressure can influence choice and behaviour, including dealing with bullying.		HW23 Set goals, prioritise, and manage time and resources, understanding how this will help their future actions.
<b>HW8</b> Recognise stereotyping and discrimination.		their ratare actions.
<b>HW9</b> Recognise their strengths and how they contribute to different groups.		HW24 Challenge stereotyping and discrimination.
<b>HW10</b> Recognise the factors influencing opinion and choice, including the media.		<b>HW25</b> Manage risk in everyday activities.
<b>HW11</b> Recognise how their behaviours and that of others may influence people both positively and negatively.		HW26 Take responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others and be able to seek help in an emergency.
<b>HW12</b> Recognise the benefits of regular exercise and understand the particular benefits of different physical activities for promoting health.		<b>HW27</b> Use ICT safely including using software features and settings.
		<b>HW28</b> Respond to challenges, including recognising, taking, and managing risk.

# **Personal wellbeing**

	Economic wellbeing	Emotional wellbeing	Physical wellbeing	Relationships
Recognise	PW1 identify the	PW5	PW11	PW18
	different types of	Recognise	Recognise why	Recognise
	work people do	what they like	healthy eating	that there
	and learn about	and dislike.	and physical	are people
	different places of		activity are	who care for
	work.	PW6	beneficial.	and look
		Recognise		after them.
	PW2 Recognise	what they are	PW12	
	where money	good at.	Recognise that	PW19
	comes from and		some	Identify
	the choices people	PW7	substances can	different
	make to spend	Recognise,	help or harm	relationships
	money on things	name and	the body.	that they
	they want and	manage their		have and
	need.	feelings in a	PW13	why these
		positive way.	Recognise the	are
			simple physical	important.
			changes to	
			their bodies	PW20
			experienced	Recognise
			since birth.	how their
				behaviour
				affects other
				people.
eflect	PW3 Understand	PW8	PW14 Reflect	PW21
	that we cannot	Understand	on the	Consider
	always afford the	the difference	similarities and	different
	items we want to	between	differences	types of
	buy.	impulsive and	between	teasing and
		considered	people.	bullying,
		behaviour.		understand
				that bullying
				is wrong and
				know how to
				get help to
				deal with
				bullying.

Respond	PW4 Contribute	PW9 Share their	PW15	PW22 Seek help
	to enterprise	opinions on things	Demonstrate basic	from an appropriate
	activities.	that matter to	road	adult when necessary
		them.	safety skills.	
		PW10 Make		PW23
		positive real- life	PW16 Make	Develop positive
		choices (television,	simple choices	relationships through
		games, money)	that Improve	work and play.
			their health and	
			wellbeing e.g.,	
			healthy eating.	
			PW17 Manage	
			basic personal	
			hygiene.	

Year Three/I	Year Three/Four					
	Economic wellbeing	Emotional wellbeing	Physical wellbeing	Relationships		
Recognise	PW24 Recognise why people work. PW25 Identify the range of jobs carried out by the people they know. PW26 Recognise what influences the choices people make about how money is spent.	PW29 Face new challenges positively and know when to seek help.	PW35 Show awareness of changes that take place as they grow.  PW36 Recognise that there are medicines and some other substances that can be used in a safe way to improve health.	PW42 Identify strategies to respond to negative behaviour constructively and ask for help.		
Reflect	PW27 Reflect on the range of skills needed in different jobs.	PW30 Begin to reflect on their own worth as individuals by identifying positive things about themselves and their achievements.	PW37 Explore the relationship and balance between physical activity and nutrition in achieving a physically and	PW43 Understand the nature and consequences of negative behaviours such as bullying, aggressiveness.		

		PW31 Reflect on own mistakes and make amends.	mentally healthy lifestyle.	
Respond	PW28 Suggest how they can contribute to a range of activities that help them to become more enterprising.	PW32 Talk about their views on issues that affect themselves and their class.  PW33 Begin to make responsible choices and consider consequences.  PW34 Develop strategies for managing and controlling strong feelings and emotions.	PW38 Extend strategies to cope with risky situations.  PW39 behave safely and responsibly in different situations.  PW40 Follow school rules about health and safety and know where to get help.  PW41 Begin to make informed lifestyle choices.	PW44 Empathise with another viewpoint.  PW45 Form and maintain appropriate relationships with a range of different people.

Year Five/ Six	Year Five/ Six							
	Economic wellbeing	Emotional wellbeing	Physical wellbeing	Relationships				
Recognise	PW46 Identify the skills they need to develop to make their own contribution in the working world in the future.	PW51 Recognise that people can feel alone and misunderstood and learn how to give	PW57 Identify the different kinds of risks associated with the use and misuse of a range of	PW63 Recognise that positive friendships and relationships can promote				

	PW47 Recognise how people manage money and learn about basic financial capability.	appropriate support.	substances can have on individuals, their families, and friends.  PW58 Recognise that when the body changes during puberty it can affect feelings and behaviour.  PW59 Recognise when physical contact is acceptable and	health and wellbeing.  PW64 Identify how to find information and advice through help lines.  PW65 Recognise how new relationships may develop.
Reflect	PW48 Make connections between their learning, the world of work and their future economic wellbeing.	PW52 Talk, write, and explain their views on issues that affect the wider environment.  PW53 Reflect on how to deal with feelings about themselves, their family and others in a positive way.	PW60 Understand the physical and emotional changes that take place during puberty, why they are taking place and the importance of personal hygiene.	PW66 Reflect on the many different types of relationships that exist.  PW67 Judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable in a relationship.
Respond	PW49 Look after their money and realise that future wants, and needs may be met through saving.	PW54 Begin to set personal goals.  PW55 Act based on responsible choices.	PW61 Take responsibility for their physical activity and nutrition in achieving a physically and	PW68  Manage changing emotions and recognise how they can impact on relationships.

PW50 Show initiative and take responsibility for activities that develop enterprise capability.	PW56 Develop strategies for controlling strong feelings and emotions and dealing with negative pressures.	mentally healthy lifestyle.  PW62 Make responsible, informed decisions relating to medicines, alcohol,	<b>PW69</b> Talk with a wide range of adults.
		medicines,	
		tobacco and	
		other substances and	
		drugs.	

## Relationships & Health Education (RHE)

The School will provide Relationships and Health Education (RHE) in the basic curriculum for all pupils as part of the PSHE Curriculum, in which pupils are encouraged and guided by moral principles and taught to recognise the value of family life. In accordance with the law, the biological aspects of human reproduction remain compulsory for all pupils as part of the Science Curriculum.

This was implemented in the Spring Term 2021 once the initial consultative phase with parents, pupils and colleagues had been completed in the academic year 2020/2021. The first consultative phase took the form of an invitation to parents to respond to the proposed curriculum. This was followed by further consultation via the Parents' Committee and a follow up Parent meeting in Autumn 2021. The content and delivery was also discussed in staff meetings and training given to all staff via an external provider. Further training was provided for the PSHE/RHE lead. This was revised in the Spring Term of 2023 following an initial consultation in December 2022. The newly developed curriculum has been created following consultation with staff, parents and governors with full training given to all staff via an external provider.

The focus in primary schools 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 should be 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 should be 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 will 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 will enable 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 primary school, many children may already be using the internet. When teaching relationships content, teachers will address online safety and appropriate behaviour in a way that is relevant to pupils' lives. Teachers will 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 and carers amongst other structures.) Care will be 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; for example, 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 can be achieved in a variety of ways including by providing planned opportunities for young people to undertake social action, active citizenship and voluntary service to others locally or more widely.

Relationships Education also creates an opportunity to enable pupils to be taught about positive emotional and mental wellbeing, including how friendships can support mental wellbeing.

Through Relationships Education, the school teach pupils the knowledge they need to recognise and to report abuse, including emotional, physical and sexual abuse. In primary schools, this will be delivered by focusing on boundaries and privacy, ensuring young people understand that they have rights over their own bodies. This will also include understanding boundaries in friendships with peers and also in families and with others, in all contexts, including online.

Pupils should know how to report concerns (including anonymously), ask questions and seek advice when they suspect or know that something is wrong or about subject matter related to RHE. At all stages it will be important to 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.

See also: Child Protection & Safeguarding policy on website or in staff Handbook

# RHE CURRICULUM CONTENT

	Healthy and happy friendships	Similarities and differences	Caring and responsibility	Families and committed relationships	Healthy bodies, healthy minds	Coping with change
YI	Forming friendships and how kind or unkind behaviours impact other people.	Similarities and differences between people and how to respect and celebrate these.	Identifying who our special people are and how they keep us safe.	What a family is (including difference and diversity between families), and why families are important and special.	Our bodies and the amazing things they can do. Learning the correct names for different body parts.	Growing from young to old and how we have changed since we were born.
Y2	Understanding what makes a happy friendship. Recognising personal boundaries and safe/unsafe situations.	Exploring different strengths and abilities. Understanding and challenging stereotypes.	The different communities and groups we belong to and how we help and support one another within these.	The different people in our families, and how families vary.	Ways to stay healthy, including safe and unsafe use of household products and medicines.	Exploring how our bodies and needs change as we grow older. Aspirations and goal setting.
Y3	Being a good friend and respecting personal space. Strategies for resilience.	Respecting and valuing differences. Shared values of communities.	Our responsibilities and ways we can care and show respect for others.	Different types of committed relationships and the basic characteristics of these.	Maintaining physical and mental wellbeing, through healthy eating, sleep and keeping clean.	Coping with feelings around the changes in our lives.
Y4	Solving friendship difficulties. How to act if someone invades your privacy or personal boundaries.	Identity and diversity. Seeing different perspectives and not making judgements based on appearance.	Rights and responsibilities within families and wider society, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.	The range of relationships we experience in our everyday lives. How to understand the differences between types of relationships we encounter.	Influences on our health and wellbeing, including friends, family and media, and awareness of how these can affect personal health choices.	How our bodies change as we enter puberty, including hygiene needs and menstruation.
Y5	Identity and peer pressure off- and online. Positive emotional health and wellbeing.	Celebrating strengths, setting goals and keeping ourselves safe online.	How our care needs change and the effects of loneliness and isolation. Ways in which we can show care in the community.	The characteristics of healthy, positive and committed relationships, and how these develop as people grow older.	Our unique bodies and self-acceptance – valuing our bodies and minds; lifestyle habits (including alcohol, tobacco and drugs) and their effects on wellbeing.	How puberty changes can affect our emotions and ways to manage this; questions about puberty and change.
Y6	How relationships evolve as we grow, including when transitioning to secondary school. How to cope with a wider range of emotions.	Identity and behaviour online and offline. Reflecting on how people feel when they don't 'fit in'.	How we can take more responsibility for self-care and who cares for us as we grow older, including at secondary school.	Human reproduction, including different ways to start a family. *	Being the healthiest me: ongoing self-care of bodies and minds, including ways to prevent and manage mental ill-health.	Ways to manage the increasing responsibilities and emotional effects of life changes.

It is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively. The school aims to ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born.

The school endeavours to ensure that their teaching and materials are appropriate having regard to the age and religious backgrounds of their pupils. It also aims to recognise the significance of other factors, such as any special educational needs or disabilities of their pupils.

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from RHE lessons since the school is teaching Relationships and Health Education not Relationships and Sex Education beyond the National Curriculum for Science.

RHE is embedded within the PSHE curriculum as well as within Character Virtue lessons and Computing. It will be resourced primarily by Discovery Education. Lessons will be delivered by the pupils' PSHE and/or Form Teacher. The RHE scheme of work lays out the content and when each topic is taught.

## **Effective promotion of Fundamental British values**

These are democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. This is evident in the school's ethos and in many ways throughout the school, for example, in the RHE and PSHE programme, School Council, assemblies and within subject areas.

### **Political Education**

Political issues may occasionally be referred to in lessons. They are presented in a balanced manner and can be linked to the teaching of Fundamental British Values.

# **Community Cohesion**

The school will work towards creating a society in which there is a common vision and sense of belonging by all communities; a society in which the diversity of people's backgrounds and circumstances is appreciated and valued; a society in which similar life opportunities are available to all; and a society in which strong and positive relationships exist and continue to be developed in the workplace, in schools and in the wider community.

### PE and Games

All pupils are expected to take part in the school's Physical Education and Games programme. Pupils can only be excused from PE and Games lessons for medical reasons, for which a note from a parent is required.

### **Special Educational Needs**

The School is committed to providing for the special educational needs of its pupils whatever their specific identified learning difficulties or talents and gifts might be. English as an additional language can be provided if necessary. The school will determine the appropriate courses in consultation with the parents. Please refer to the following policies: Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy (SEND) and English as an Additional Language Policy (EAL).

### Homework

The school expects homework to be set as appropriate. Additional guidance is provided in the School's Homework Policy.

### **Extra-curricular Activities**

The school offers wide and varied programme of cultural and sporting activities that take place outside the formal curriculum. Pupils are encouraged to take part in the programme.

### **Concerns and Complaints**

Parents who have concerns about any aspect of the curriculum should discuss these in the first instance with the pupils' Form Tutor or the Deputy/Assistant Head. If the issue is not resolved parents should make an official complaint in writing to the Headmaster. The school has a Complaints Procedure in place, which is available on the school website.

### **Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be monitored by the Assistant Head who will report to the Headmaster on its implementation on a regular basis. The Headmaster will report to the Governing Body on the progress of the policy and will recommend any changes.

All teachers monitor the effectiveness of the curriculum and provide Subject Leaders and/or the Assistant Heads with regular feedback so that improvements can be made.

Subject Leaders monitor their subjects on an ongoing basis so that a forward-looking approach to curriculum development is undertaken.

All subjects, their schemes and other documentation are reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team.

The allocation of subjects to classes, and their period allowances, are reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team.

With reference to RHE, this was implemented in the Spring Term 2023 once the initial consultative phase was completed in Autumn 2022.

The curriculum policy is reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team. This is a whole-school policy which includes the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Next policy review date: Autumn 2024

### 1 Version control

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