Hope SENTAMU LEARNING TRUST

Secondary School Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Policy

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Statement of Intent

At Hope Sentamu Learning Trust, we understand the importance of educating pupils about sex, relationships and their health, for them to make responsible and well-informed decisions in their lives.

The teaching of RSHE can help to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. It allows us to promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at school and in wider society.

We have an obligation to provide pupils with high-quality, evidence and age-appropriate teaching of these subjects. This policy outlines how the school/academy's RSHE curriculum is organised and delivered, to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.

1. Legal Framework

- 1.1. This policy has due regard to all relevant **legislation** and **statutory guidance** including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Equality Act 2010
 - Human Rights Act (1998)
 - The Education Act (1996)
 - The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019
 - Children and Social Work Act 2017
 - DfE (2023) 'Keeping children safe in education 2023'
 - DfE (2021) 'Teaching about relationships, sex and health'
 - DfE (2019) 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education'
 - DfE (2015) 'National curriculum in England: science programmes of study'
- 1.2. This policy operates in conjunction with the following **Trust** policies:
 - Behaviour Policy
 - SEND Policy
 - E-Safety and Acceptable Use Policy
 - Equality Objectives Policy
 - Anti-bullying Policy
 - Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
 - Child-on-Child Abuse Policy
 - Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) Policy
 - Data Protection (UK GDPR) Policy

2. Roles and Responsibilities

- 2.1. The **Distinctiveness and Personal Development Committee** is responsible for monitoring the overall implementation of this policy.
- 2.2. The local governing committee is responsible for:
 - Scrutinising reports provided by the headteacher/principal regarding RSE.
 - Ensuring the RSHE curriculum is well-led, effectively managed and well-planned.
 - Evaluating the quality of provision through regular and effective self-evaluation.
 - Ensuring that teaching is delivered in ways that are accessible to all pupils with SEND.

2.3. The **headteacher/principal** is responsible for:

- The overall implementation of this policy.
- Ensuring all staff are suitably trained to deliver the subjects.
- Reporting to the local governing committee on the effectiveness of this policy and the curriculum.

- Ensuring that the curriculum, speakers and resources do not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Progress and attainment and securing improvement at local level, under the oversight of the Chief Executive Officer and the LGC.
- Ensuring parents/carers are consulted on the RSHE Policy through an online consultation (available throughout the school year), in addition to the offer of a meeting with the headteacher/principal to discuss curriculum content and view resources.
- Providing clear information to parents/carers on the subject content and associated resources, and the right to request that their child is withdrawn from any or all aspects of Sex-Education, other than those which are part of the science curriculum, up to and until 3 terms before the age of 16. Information will be published on the school/academy website.
- Discussing withdrawal requests with parents/carers, and the pupil if appropriate, to ensure their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum, including the benefits of receiving the education.

2.4. The **RSHE subject leader** is responsible for:

- Overseeing the delivery of RSHE.
- Working closely with colleagues in related curriculum areas to ensure the RSHE curriculum compliments, and does not duplicate, the content covered in other curriculum subjects.
- Ensuring the curriculum is age-appropriate, inclusive to all learners and of high quality.
- Reviewing changes to the RSHE curriculum and advising on their implementation.
- Monitoring the learning and teaching of RSHE, providing support to staff where necessary.
- Ensuring the continuity and progression between each year group.
- Helping to develop colleagues' expertise in the subject.
- Ensuring teachers are provided with adequate resources to support teaching of the curriculum.
- Ensuring the school/academy meets its statutory requirements in relation to RSHE.
- Leading staff meetings and ensuring all members of staff involved in the curriculum have received the appropriate training.
- Organising, providing and monitoring CPD opportunities in the subject.
- Ensuring the correct standards are met for recording and assessing pupil performance.
- Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the subjects and providing reports to the headteacher/principal.
- 2.5. The **DSL** is responsible for:
 - Offering advice and consultation for safeguarding-related subjects in the RSHE curriculum.
 - Promoting knowledge and awareness of safeguarding issues amongst staff.
 - Being an appropriate point of contact for staff who have concerns about the welfare of a pupil that have arisen through the teaching of RSHE.
- 2.6. **Subject teachers** are responsible for:
 - Acting in accordance with, and promoting, this policy.

- Delivering RSHE in a manner that is sensitive, of high quality, inclusive to all learners and appropriate for each year group.
- Ensuring they do not express personal views or beliefs when delivering the curriculum.
- Planning lessons effectively, ensuring a range of appropriate teaching methods and resources are used to cover the content.
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSHE.
- Liaising with the SENDCO to identify and respond to individual needs of pupils with SEND. Liaising with the RSHE subject leader on key topics, resources and support for individual pupils.
- Monitoring pupil progress in RSHE.
- Reporting any concerns regarding the teaching of RSHE or health education to the RSHE subject leader or a member of the SLT.
- Reporting any safeguarding concerns or disclosures that pupils may make as a result of the subject content to the DSL.

Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents/carers have requested to withdraw them from the non-statutory components of RSHE, by providing them with alternative education opportunities.

2.7. The **SENDCO** is responsible for:

- Advising teaching staff how best to identify and support pupils' individual needs.
- Advising staff on the use of TAs in order to meet pupils' individual needs.

3. Organisation of the RSHE Curriculum

- 3.1. For the purpose of this policy:
 - "RSHE" is used to refer to the overall programme of sex, health and relationships education
 - "RSE" refers to relationships and sex education and is defined as teaching pupils about developing healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds, and helping them to understand human sexuality and to respect themselves and others.
 - "Health education" is defined as teaching pupils about how they can make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, and how physical health and mental wellbeing are interlinked.
 - 3.2. The RSHE curriculum has been developed, and will be monitored and reviewed, in consultation with teachers, pupils and parents/carers, and in accordance with DfE recommendations.
 - 3.3. We will gather the views of teachers, pupils and parents/carers in the following ways:
 - Surveys
 - Meetings
 - Letters
 - Training sessions
 - 3.4. The majority of the RSHE curriculum is delivered through PSHE education, with statutory elements taught via the science curriculum. The RSHE subject leader will work closely with their colleagues in related curriculum areas to ensure the curriculum complements and does not duplicate the content

covered in national curriculum subjects.

- 3.5. The school/academy will ensure that the curriculum remains in line with the DfE's 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education' guidance at all times.
- 3.6. The school/academy will consider the context and views of the wider local community when developing the curriculum to ensure it is reflective of circumstances in the local area. The religious background of all pupils will also be considered when planning teaching, to ensure all topics included are appropriately handled.
- 3.7. The RSHE curriculum will be informed by topical issues in the school/academy and wider community, to ensure it is tailored to pupils' needs, e.g. if there was a local prevalence of specific sexually transmitted infections, our curriculum would be tailored to address this issue.

4. Relationships and Sex Education Subject Overview

RSHE will continue to develop pupils' knowledge on the topics taught at a primary level, in addition to the content outlined in this section.

4.1. Families - By the end of secondary school, pupils will 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.
- What marriage is, including their legal status, e.g. that marriage carries legal rights and protections not available to couples who are cohabiting or who have married, for example, in an unregistered religious ceremony.
- Why marriage is an important relationship choice for many couples and why it must be freely entered into.
- About the characteristics and legal status of other types of long-term relationships.
- About the roles and responsibilities of parents/carers with respect to raising children, including the characteristics of successful parenting.

Pupils will also know how to:

- Determine whether other children, adults or sources of information are trustworthy.
- Judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe, and recognise this in others' relationships.
- Seek help or advice if needed, including reporting concerns about others.

4.2. Respectful relationships, including friendships - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

 About the characteristics of positive and healthy friendships in all contexts (including online), including trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationships.

- Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships.
- How stereotypes, particularly those based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage, e.g. how they might normalise non-consensual behaviour.
- That in the school/academy and 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 seek help.
- About the types of behaviour in relationships that can be criminal, including violent behaviour and coercive control.
- What constitutes sexual harassment and violence and why these are always unacceptable.
- About the legal rights and responsibilities regarding equality, with reference to the protected characteristics defined in the Equality Act 2010, and that everyone is unique and equal.

4.3. Online and media - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

- Their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, and that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts.
- About online risks, including that material shared with another person 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 they receive.
- 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 is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties, including jail.
- How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online.

4.4. Being safe - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

- About 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 this includes online.

4.5. Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health - By the end of secondary school, pupils will 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 and negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing.
- The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for both men and women.
- The range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others.
- That they have a choice to delay sex or enjoy intimacy without sex.
- The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, their effectiveness and options available.
- The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage.
- That there are choices in relation to pregnancy, with legally and medically accurate, impartial information on all options including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help.
- How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex and the importance of facts about testing.
- 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.
- How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment.

5. Relationships and Sex Education Programmes of Study

5.1. The school/academy will determine an age-appropriate, developmental curriculum which meets the needs of young people and includes the statutory content outlined in section 4 of this policy. The content that the school/academy has chosen to cover on RSHE Programmes of Study is detailed within Appendix 1.

6. Health Education Subject Overview

The physical health and mental wellbeing curriculum will continue to develop pupils' knowledge on the topics taught at a primary level, in addition to the content outlined in this section.

6.1. Mental wellbeing - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

- How to talk about their emotions accurately and sensitively, using appropriate vocabulary.
- That happiness is linked to being connected to others.
- How to recognise the early signs of mental wellbeing concerns.
- About 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.
- About the benefits and importance of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation and voluntary and service-based activities on mental wellbeing and happiness.

6.2. Internet safety and harms - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

- About the similarities and differences between the online world and the physical world, including the impact of unhealthy or obsessive comparison with others online, over-reliance on online relationships, the risks related to online gambling, how information is targeted at them and how to be a discerning consumer of information online.
- How to identify harmful behaviours online, including bullying, abuse or harassment, and how to report, or find support, if they have been affected by those behaviours.

6.3. **Physical health and fitness - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know about:**

- The positive associations between physical activity and promotion of mental wellbeing, including as an approach to combat stress.
- The characteristics and evidence of what constitutes a healthy lifestyle, maintaining a healthy weight, including the links between an inactive lifestyle and ill health.
- About the science relating to blood, organ and stem cell donation.
- 6.4. **Healthy eating By the end of secondary school, pupils will know** how to maintain healthy eating and the links between a poor diet and health risks, including tooth decay and cancer.

6.5. Drugs, alcohol and tobacco - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know about:

- The facts about legal and illegal drugs and their associated risks, including the link between drug use and serious mental health conditions.
- The law relating to the supply and possession of illegal substances.
- The physical and psychological risks associated with alcohol consumption and what constitutes low risk alcohol consumption in adulthood.
- The physical and psychological consequences of addition, including alcohol dependency.
- The dangers of drugs which are prescribed but still present serious health risks.
- The facts about the harms from smoking tobacco, the benefits of quitting and how to access the support to do so.

6.6. Health and prevention - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know about:

- Personal hygiene, germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread, treatment and prevention of infection, and about antibiotics.
- Dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including healthy eating and regular check-ups at the dentist.
- The benefits of regular self-examination and screening.
- The facts and science relating to immunisation and vaccination.
- The importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and how a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn.

6.7. Basic first aid - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:

- Basic treatments for common injuries.
- Life-saving skills, including how to administer CPR.

• About the purpose of defibrillators and when one might be needed.

6.8. **Changing adolescent body - By the end of secondary school, pupils will know:**

- Key facts about puberty, the changing adolescent body and menstrual wellbeing.
- About the main changes which take place in males and females, and the implications for emotional and physical health.

7. Health Education Programmes of Study

7.1. The school/academy will determine an age-appropriate, developmental curriculum which meets the needs of young people and includes the statutory content outlined in section 6 of this policy. The content that the school/academy has chosen to cover on physical health and mental wellbeing lessons is detailed within Appendix 1.

8. Delivery of the Curriculum

- 8.1. Through effective organisation and delivery of the RSHE, we will ensure that:
 - Core knowledge is sectioned into units of a manageable size.
 - The required content is communicated to pupils clearly, in a carefully sequenced way, within a planned scheme of work.
 - Teaching includes sufficient and well-chosen opportunities and contexts for pupils to embed new knowledge so that it can be used confidently in real-life situations.
 - 8.2. RSHE complements several other curriculum subjects. Where appropriate, the school/academy will look for opportunities to make links between the subjects and integrate teaching. The RSHE curriculum will be delivered by appropriately trained members of staff.
 - 8.3. The curriculum will proactively address issues in a timely way in line with current evidence on pupil's physical, emotional and sexual development. RSHE will be delivered in a non-judgemental, age-appropriate, factual and inclusive way that allows pupils to ask questions in a safe environment.
 - 8.4. Teaching of the curriculum reflects requirements set out in law, particularly in the Equality Act 2010, so that pupils understand what the law does and does not allow, and the wider legal implications of the decisions they make.
 - 8.5. The school/academy will integrate LGBTQ+ content into the RSHE curriculum this content will be taught as part of the overall curriculum, rather than a standalone topic or lesson. LGBTQ+ content will be approached in a sensitive, age-appropriate and factual way that allows pupils to explore gender identity and the features of stable and healthy same-sex relationships.
 - 8.6. All pupils are expected to learn about LGBTQ+ content, and parents/carers do not have a statutory right to withdraw their children from lessons that include LGBTQ+ content.

- 8.7. The curriculum will be designed to focus on pupils of all gender identities and expressions and activities will be planned to ensure all are actively involved.
- 8.8. The school/academy will ensure it delivers teaching on sensitive topics, e.g. the body, in a way that is appropriate and sensitive to the various needs of the school community, e.g. cultural background.
- 8.9. All teaching and resources will be assessed by the RSHE subject leader to ensure they are appropriate for the age and maturity of pupils, are sensitive to their religious backgrounds and meet the needs of any SEND, if applicable. Throughout every year group, appropriate diagrams, videos, books, games, discussion and practical activities will be used to assist learning. Inappropriate images, videos, etc., will not be used, and resources will be selected with sensitivity given to the age and cultural background of pupils. Pupils will be prevented from accessing inappropriate materials on the internet when using such to assist with their learning. The prevention measures taken to ensure this are outlined in the school/academy's E-Safety and Acceptable Use Policy.
- 8.10. Teachers will establish what is appropriate for one-to-one and whole-class settings, and alter their teaching of the programmes accordingly. Teachers will ensure that pupils' views are listened to and will encourage them to ask questions and engage in discussion. Teachers will answer questions sensitively and honestly.
- 8.11. Teachers will focus heavily on the importance of healthy relationships, when teaching RSHE, though sensitivity will always be given as to not stigmatise pupils on the basis of their home circumstances. In teaching the curriculum, teachers will be aware that pupils may raise topics such as self-harm and suicide. When talking about these topics in lessons, teachers will be aware of the risks of encouraging these behaviours and will avoid any resources or material that appear as instructive rather than preventative.
- 8.12. Teachers will ensure lesson plans focus on challenging perceived views of pupils based on protected characteristics, through exploration of, and developing mutual respect for, those different to themselves.
- 8.13. At all points of delivery of the curriculum, parents/carers will be consulted, and their views will be valued. What will be taught and how, will be planned in conjunction with parents/carers.
- 8.14. The procedures for assessing pupil progress are outlined in **section 15** of this policy.

9. Curriculum Links

- 9.1. The school/academy will seek opportunities to draw links between RSHE and other curriculum subjects wherever possible to enhance pupils' learning.
- 9.2. RSHE will be linked to the following subjects:
 - Citizenship pupils are provided with the knowledge, skills and understanding to help prepare them to play a full and active part in society, including an understanding of how laws are made and upheld and how to make sensible decisions.

- Science pupils are taught about the main external parts of the body and changes to the human body as it grows, including puberty.
- ICT and computing pupils are taught about how they can keep themselves safe online and the different risks that they may face online as they get older.
- PE pupils can develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities, are physically active for sustained periods of time, engage in competitive sport and lead healthy, active lives.
- PSHE pupils learn about respect and difference, values and characteristics of individuals.

10. Working with External Agencies

- 10.1. Working with external agencies will be used to enhance our delivery of RSHE and bring in specialist knowledge and different ways of engaging pupils. External experts may be invited to assist from time-to-time with the delivery of the RSHE curriculum but will be expected to comply with the provisions of this policy.
- 10.2. When working with external agencies, the school/academy will:
 - Check the visitor credentials of all external agencies.
 - Ensure the teaching delivered by the external experts fits with the planned curriculum and provisions of this policy.
 - Discuss with the visitor the details of how they intend to deliver their sessions and ensure the content is age-appropriate and accessible for all pupils.
 - Request copies of the materials and lesson plans the visitor will use, to ensure it meets the full range of pupils' needs.
 - Agree with the agency on how confidentiality will work in any lesson and that the visitor understands how safeguarding reports must be dealt with in line with the Trust's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.
- 10.3. The school/academy will use visitors to enhance teaching by an appropriate member of teaching staff, not to replace teaching by those staff.

11. Equality and Accessibility

- 11.1. The school/academy will comply with the relevant requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and will ensure the curriculum does not discriminate against pupils because of their:
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Race
 - Disability
 - Religion or belief
 - Gender reassignment
 - Pregnancy or maternity
 - Marriage or civil partnership

• Sexual orientation

- 11.2. The school/academy will consider the backgrounds, gender, age range and needs of its pupils and determine whether it is necessary to put in place additional support for pupils with the above protected characteristics.
- 11.3. The school/academy will design the RSHE curriculum to be inclusive of all pupils. The school/academy will be aware that some pupils are more vulnerable to exploitation, bullying and other issues due to their characteristics, e.g. SEND or being LGBTQ+. Teachers will understand that they may need to liaise with the SENDCO and be more explicit and adapt their planning or work to appropriately deliver the curriculum to pupils with SEND.
- 11.4. Where there is a need to tailor content and teaching to meet the needs of pupils at different developmental stages, the school/academy will ensure the teaching remains sensitive, age-appropriate, developmentally appropriate and is delivered with reference to the law.
- 11.5. The school/academy will take steps to foster healthy and respectful peer-to-peer communication and behaviour between all pupils, and provide an environment which challenges perceived limits on pupils based on their gender or any other characteristic.
- 11.6. The school/academy will be actively aware of everyday issues such as sexism, misogyny, homophobia and gender stereotypes and take positive action to build a culture within which these are not tolerated. Any occurrences of such issues will be identified and managed promptly. Sexual violence and sexual harassment are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Any reports of sexual violence or sexual harassment will be handled in accordance with the Trust's Child-on-Child Abuse Policy.

12. Confidentiality

- 12.1. All pupils will be taught about keeping themselves safe, including online, as part of a broad and balanced curriculum.
- 12.2. To meet DfE's best practice advice, the DSL will be involved in the formulation of safeguarding-related areas of the curriculum, as the knowledge and resources may help to address safeguarding issues more appropriately and effectively.
- 12.3. When teaching issues that are particularly sensitive for pupils of all ages, e.g. self-harm or suicide, teachers will be made aware of the risks of inadvertently encouraging, or providing instructions to, pupils. Teaching of these subjects will always prioritise preventing harm to pupils as a central goal.
- 12.4. Confidentiality within the classroom will be an important component of RSHE, and teachers will be expected to respect the confidentiality of their pupils as far as is possible, in compliance with the Trust's Data Protection (UK GDPR) Policy.

12.5. Teachers will, however, understand that some aspects of RSHE may lead to a pupil raising a safeguarding concern, e.g. disclosing that they are being abused, and that if a disclosure is made, the DSL will be alerted immediately. Pupils will be made aware of how to raise their concerns or make a report, and how their report will be handled – this includes the process for when they have a concern about a peer.

13. Withdrawal From Lessons

- 13.1. The school/academy will always recognise that parents/carers have the right to request that their child is withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSHE. The school/academy will uphold that parents/carers do not have a right to withdraw their child from the relationships or health elements of the programmes. Requests to withdraw a child from sex education will be made in writing to the headteacher/principal.
- 13.2. Before granting a withdrawal request, the headteacher/principal will discuss the request with the parents/carers and, as appropriate, the pupil, to ensure their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. The headteacher/principal will inform parents/carers of the benefits of their child receiving RSHE and any detrimental effects that withdrawal might have. All discussions with parents/carers will be documented. These records will be kept securely in the school/academy office in line with the Trust's Data Protection (UK GDPR) Policy and associated Data Retention Schedule.
- 13.3. Following discussions with parents/carers, the school/academy will respect the parents/carers' request to withdraw their child up to and until three terms before the pupil turns 16. After this point, if the pupil wishes to receive RSHE rather than be withdrawn, the school/academy will make arrangements to provide the pupil with RSHE.
- 13.4. Pupils who are withdrawn from RSHE will receive appropriate, purposeful education during the full period of withdrawal. For requests concerning the withdrawal of a pupil with SEND, the headteacher/principal will take the pupils' specific needs into account when making their decision.

14. Working with Parents/Carers

- 14.1. We understand the important role parents/carers play in enhancing their children's understanding of relationships, sex and health. Parents/carers will be provided with frequent opportunities to ask questions about the school/academy's approach to RSHE.
- 14.2. The school/academy will consult closely with parents/carers when reviewing the content of the school/academy's RSHE curriculum, and will be given regular opportunities to voice their opinions and concerns. The school/academy will use the views of parents/carers to inform decisions made about the curriculum content and delivery; however, parents/carers will not be granted a 'veto' on curriculum content, and all final decisions will be the school/academy's to make.
- 14.3. When in consultation with parents/carers, the school/academy will provide:
 - The curriculum content, including what will be taught and when.

- Examples of the resources the school/academy intends to use to deliver the curriculum.
- Information about parents/carers' right to withdraw their child from non-statutory elements of RSHE.
- 14.4. The school/academy will remain aware that the teaching of some aspects of the curriculum may be of concern to parents/carers. If parents/carers have concerns regarding RSHE, they are asked to contact the school office directly who will be able to arrange a meeting with the headteacher/principal, if required.

15. Assessment

- 15.1. The school/academy will have the same high expectations of the quality of pupils' work in RSHE as for other curriculum areas. Lessons will be planned to provide suitable challenges to pupils of all abilities.
- 15.2. Whilst there are no formal examinations during RSHE, pupils' progress will be regularly assessed by the class teacher (e.g. group tasks, quizzes and written assignments) to identify where pupils need extra support or intervention.

16. Behaviour

- 16.1. The school/academy has a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. We aim to foster a culture based on mutual respect and understanding for one another.
- 16.2. Any bullying incidents resulting from the teaching of the RSHE curriculum, such as those relating to sexual orientation, will be dealt with as seriously as any other type of bullying. Any occurrence of these incidents will be reported to a member of staff, who will then discipline the pupil as per the Trust's Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policies.
- 16.3. The headteacher/principal will decide whether it is appropriate to notify the police or an anti-social behaviour coordinator in their LA of the action taken against a pupil.

17. Staff Training

- 17.1. Regular training will be provided by the RSHE subject leader to the relevant members of staff to ensure they are up-to-date with the RSHE curriculum. Training will also be scheduled around any updated guidance on the curriculum and any new developments which may need to be addressed in relation to the curriculum.
- 17.2. The school/academy will ensure teachers receive training on the Social Exclusion Report on Teenage Pregnancy, and the role of an effective RSHE curriculum in reducing the number of teenage conceptions.
- 17.3. Appropriately trained staff will be able to give pupils information on where and how to obtain confidential advice, counselling and treatment, as well as guidance on emergency contraception and their effectiveness.

18. Monitoring and Review

- 18.1. The RSHE subject leader will be responsible for quality assuring the quality of education in RSHE.
- 18.2. The RSHE subject leader will create annual subject reports for the headteacher/principal and local governing committee to report on the quality of the subjects. They will also work regularly and consistently with the headteacher/principal, e.g. through monthly review meetings, to evaluate the effectiveness of the subjects and implement any changes.
- 18.3. The Distinctiveness and Personal Development Committee is responsible for approving this policy.
- 18.4. This policy will be reviewed **annually** in light of any changes to statutory guidance and from feedback received from parents/carers, staff or pupils.
- 18.5. Any changes made to this policy will be communicated to all staff members and all relevant stakeholders. The next scheduled review date for this policy is on the cover of this Policy.



RSHE POLICY		
Localised School Based Procedures		
School Name:	Manor Church of England Academy	
Headteacher/Principal:	Mr J Cairns	
Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Miss L Scaum	
RSHE Lead	Miss C Day	
Implementation Date: Inline with policy approval	May 2024	

In conjunction with our Trust wide RSHE policy, localised procedures have been established to ensure that systems and procedures reflect the school/academy setting.

This policy and localised procedures are underpinned by our schools vision and values.

The localised procedures for the school/academy setting focus on the following key areas: -

- Introduction
- Legal Framework
- Roles and Responsibilities
- RSHE Programmes of Study
- Health Education
- Curriculum Links
- Assessment
- Staff Training
- Monitoring and Review

Should you have any concerns or questions relating to the localised procedure, in the first instance, please contact c.day@mce.hslt.academy

Introduction

'So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them. (Genesis I:27, NRSV) I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness. (John 10:10, GNB)'

We undertake to follow the principles in the <u>Church of England Charter</u> for faith sensitive and inclusive relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education (RSHE), regarding our RSE and Health Education Policy.

All pupils have a right to an education which enables them to flourish and is set in a learning community where differences of lifestyle and opinion (within that which is permissible under UK law) are treated with dignity and respect; bullying of all kinds is eliminated; and where they are free to be themselves and fulfil their potential without fear. Our school/academy therefore takes a faith-sensitive and inclusive approach to this policy. All pupils are treated with dignity, made in the image of God and loved equally by God.

Our RSHE curriculum ensures that all pupils are able to cherish themselves and others as unique and wonderfully made, to keep themselves safe and are able to form healthy relationships where they respect and afford dignity to others. The RSHE curriculum protects, informs and nurtures all pupils. It clearly differentiates between factual teaching (biology, medicine, the law, marriage, different types of families and the composition of society) and moral teaching about relationships and values, recognising that the distinction can be easily blurred and there needs to be discernment about the manner in which this is taught within a moral (but not moralistic) framework. It will provide pupils with the knowledge that will enable them to navigate and contextualise a world in which many will try to tell them how to behave, what to do and what to think. It will help them to develop the skills to express their own views and make their own informed decisions. This is a responsibility that should be shared between parents/carers and school/academy.

We understand the importance of educating pupils about sex, relationships and their health, for them to make responsible and well-informed decisions in their lives. The teaching of RSE and health education can help to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. It allows us to promote the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at school and in wider society. We have an obligation to provide pupils with high-quality, evidence and age-appropriate teaching of these subjects. This policy outlines how the school/academy's RSE and health education curriculum will be organised and delivered, to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.

Legal Framework

Relates to item 1.1 within the Secondary School RSHE Policy

This policy operates in conjunction with the following Church of England Guidance:

Church of England (2019) RSHE Principles and Charter

Church of England Archbishops' Council Education Division and The National Society Valuing All God's Children (Archbishop's Council Education Division, May 2014)

Church of England Archbishops' Council Education Division and The National Society A Diocesan Board of Education for the Future (Archbishops' Council Education Division, July 2013), p. 3.

The Church of England Education Office Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Evaluation Schedule (The National Society, September 2023)

The Church of England Education Office Church of England Vision for Education: Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good (Autumn 2016)

The Church of England Education Office The Fruit of the Spirit: A Church of England Discussion Paper on Character Education (October 2015)

The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership Leadership of Character Education: Developing Virtues and Celebrating Human Flourishing in Schools (September 2017)

Mental Health and Wellbeing Guidance Church of England

Roles and Responsibilities

Relates to item 2.1 within the RSHE Policy

All staff within our Church Schools are responsible for:

Sustaining and enhancing the Christian vision and values of the school, through implementation of the policy and charter.

	RSHE Programmes of Study		
Relates to	item 5.1 within the RSHE Policy		
Year 7	Diversity Diversity, prejudice, and bullying. Students will learn about identity, rights and responsibilities about living in a diverse society how to challenge prejudice, stereotypes and discrimination the signs and effects of all types of bullying, including online how to respond to bullying of any kind, including online		
	how to support others		
	Building relationships Self-worth, romance and friendships (including online) and relationship boundaries. Students will learn • how to develop self-worth and self-efficacy • about qualities and behaviours relating to different types of positive relationships • how to recognise unhealthy relationships • how to recognise and challenge media stereotypes • how to evaluate expectations for romantic relationships • about consent, and how to seek and assertively communicate consent		

	Discrimination
Year 8	Discrimination in all its forms, including: racism, religious discrimination, disability, discrimination,
	sexism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia. Students will learn
	how to manage influences on beliefs and decisions
	about group-thinking and persuasion
	how to develop self-worth and confidence
	about gender identity, transphobia and gender-based discrimination
	how to recognise and challenge homophobia and biphobia
	• how to recognise and challenge racism and religious discrimination
	Identity and relationships
	Gender identity, sexual orientation, consent, 'sexting', and an introduction to contraception. Pupils
	will learn
	the qualities of positive, healthy relationships
	how to demonstrate positive behaviours in healthy relationships
	about gender identity and sexual orientation
	about forming new partnerships and developing relationships
	about the law in relation to consent
	• that the legal and moral duty is with the seeker of consent
	how to effectively communicate about consent in relationships
	• about the risks of 'sexting' and how to manage requests or pressure to send an image
	• about basic forms of contraception, e.g. condom and pill
Veer 0	Respectful relationships
Year 9	Families and parenting, healthy relationships, conflict resolution, and relationship changes. Students
	 will learn about different types of families and parenting, including single parents, same sex parents,
	blended families, adoption and fostering
	• about positive relationships in the home and ways to reduce homelessness amongst young
	people
	• about conflict and its causes in different contexts, e.g. with family and friends
	conflict resolution strategies
	 how to manage relationship and family changes, including relationship breakdown, separation and divorce
	how to access support services
	Intimate relationships
	Relationships and sex education including consent, contraception, the risks of STIs, and attitudes to
	pornography. Students will learn

	• about readiness for sexual activity, the choice to delay sex, or enjoy intimacy without sex
	about myths and misconceptions relating to consent
	 about the continuous right to withdraw consent and capacity to consent
	about STIs, effective use of condoms and negotiating safer sex
	about the consequences of unprotected sex, including pregnancy
	• how the portrayal of relationships in the media and pornography might affect expectations
	• how to assess and manage risks of sending, sharing or passing on sexual images
	how to secure personal information online
	Healthy relationships
Year 10	Relationships and sex expectations, myths, pleasure and challenges, including the impact of the media and pornography. Student will learn
	about relationship values and the role of pleasure in relationships
	 about myths, assumptions, misconceptions and social norms about sex, gender and relationships
	• about the opportunities and risks of forming and conducting relationships online
	 how to manage the impact of the media and pornography on sexual attitudes, expectations and behaviours
	• about the ethical and legal implications in relation to consent, including manipulation, coercion, and capacity to consent
	 how to recognise and respond to pressure, coercion and exploitation, including reporting and accessing appropriate support
	how to recognise and challenge victim blaming
	about asexuality, abstinence and celibacy
	Addressing extremism and radicalisation Community cohesion and challenging extremism. Students will learn
	about communities, inclusion, respect and belonging
	about the Equality Act, diversity and values
	• about how social media may distort, mis-represent or target information in order to influence beliefs and opinions
	how to manage conflicting views and misleading information
	how to safely challenge discrimination, including online
	• how to recognise and respond to extremism and radicalisation
Year 11	Communication in relationships
	Personal values, assertive communication (including in relation to contraception and sexual health),
	relationship challenges and abuse. Students will learn
	about core values and emotions

•	about gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation

- how to communicate assertively
- how to communicate wants and needs
- how to handle unwanted attention, including online
- how to challenge harassment and stalking, including online
- about various forms of relationship abuse
- about unhealthy, exploitative and abusive relationships
- how to access support in abusive relationships and how to overcome challenges in seeking support

Families

Different families and parental responsibilities, pregnancy, marriage and forced marriage and changing Relationships. Students will learn...

- about different types of families and changing family structures
- how to evaluate readiness for parenthood and positive parenting qualities
- about fertility, including how it varies and changes
- about pregnancy, birth and miscarriage
- about unplanned pregnancy options, including abortion
- about adoption and fostering
- how to manage change, loss, grief and bereavement
- about 'honour based' violence and forced marriage and how to safely access support

Health Education Programmes of Study				
Relates to	Relates to item 7.1 within the RSHE Policy			
Year 7	Transition and safety Transition to secondary school and personal safety in and outside school, including first aid. Students will learn			
	 how to identify, express and manage their emotions in a constructive way how to manage the challenges of moving to a new school how to establish and manage friendships how to improve study skills how to identify personal strengths and areas for development personal safety strategies and travel safety, e.g. road, rail and water how to respond in an emergency situation basic first aid 			

	Digital literacy
	Online safety, digital literacy, media reliability, and gambling hooks. Students will learn
	about online communication
	 how to use social networking sites safely
	 how to recognise online grooming in different forms, e.g. in relation to sexual or financial exploitation, extremism and radicalisation
	 how to respond and seek support in cases of online grooming
	how to recognise biased or misleading information online
	how to critically assess different media sources
	• how to distinguish between content which is publicly and privately shared
	 about age restrictions when accessing different forms of media and how to make responsible decisions
	how to protect financial security online
	how to assess and manage risks in relation to gambling and chance-based transactions
	Health and puberty
	 Healthy routines, influences on health, puberty, unwanted contact, and FGM. Students will learn how to make healthy lifestyle choices including diet, dental health, physical activity and sleep
	 how to manage influences relating to caffeine, smoking and alcohol how to manage physical and emotional changes during puberty
	about personal hygiene
	• how to recognise and respond to inappropriate and unwanted contact
	• about FGM and how to access help and support
	Developing skills and aspirations
	Careers, teamwork and enterprise skills, and raising aspirations. Students will learn
	 how to be enterprising, including skills of problem-solving, communication, teamwork, leadership, risk-management, and creativity
	• about a broad range of careers and the abilities and qualities required for different careers
	about equality of opportunity
	 how to challenge stereotypes, broaden their horizons and how to identify future career aspirations
	about the link between values and career choices
Year 8	Drugs and alcohol
	Alcohol and drug misuse and pressures relating to drug use. Students will learn
	about medicinal and recreational drugs
	about the over-consumption of energy drinks
	about the relationship between habit and dependence
	 how to use over the counter and prescription medications safely

- how to assess the risks of alcohol, tobacco, nicotine and e-cigarettes
- how to manage influences in relation to substance use
- how to recognise and promote positive social norms and attitudes

Community and careers

Equality of opportunity in careers and life choices, and different types and patterns of work. Students will learn..

- about equality of opportunity in life and work
- how to challenge stereotypes and discrimination in relation to work and pay
- about employment, self-employment and voluntary work
- how to set aspirational goals for future careers and challenge expectations that limit choices

Emotional wellbeing

Mental health and emotional wellbeing, including body image and coping strategies. Students will learn..

- about attitudes towards mental health
- how to challenge myths and stigma
- about daily wellbeing
- how to manage emotions
- how to develop digital resilience
- about unhealthy coping strategies (e.g. self-harm and eating disorders)
- about healthy coping strategies

Financial decision making

Saving, borrowing, budgeting and making financial choices. Students will learn...

- how to make safe financial choices
- about ethical and unethical business practices and consumerism
- about saving, spending and budgeting
- how to manage risk-taking behaviour

Peer influence, substance use and gangs

Year 9 Healthy and unhealthy friendships, assertiveness, substance misuse, and gang exploitation. Students will learn...

- how to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy friendships
- how to assess risk and manage influences, including online
- about 'group think' and how it affects behaviour
- how to recognise passive, aggressive and assertive behaviour, and how to communicate assertively
- to manage risk in relation to gangs

- about the legal and physical risks of carrying a knife
- about positive social norms in relation to drug and alcohol use
- about legal and health risks in relation to drug and alcohol use, including addiction and dependence

Setting goals

Learning strengths, career options and goal setting as part of the GCSE options process. Students will learn...

- about transferable skills, abilities and interests
- how to demonstrate strengths
- about different types of employment and career pathways
- how to manage feelings relating to future employment
- how to work towards aspirations and set meaningful, realistic goals for the future
- about GCSE and post-16 options
- skills for decision making

Healthy lifestyle

Diet, exercise, lifestyle balance and healthy choices, and first aid. Students will learn...

- about the relationship between physical and mental health
- about balancing work, leisure, exercise and sleep
- how to make informed healthy eating choices
- how to manage influences on body image
- to make independent health choices
- to take increased responsibility for physical health

Employability skills

Employability and online presence. Students will learn...

- about young people's employment rights and responsibilities
- skills for enterprise and employability
- how to give and act upon constructive feedback
- how to manage their 'personal brand' online
- habits and strategies to support progress
- how to identify and access support for concerns relating to life online

Mental health

Year 10 Mental health and ill health, stigma, safeguarding health, including during periods of transition or change. Students will learn...

- how to manage challenges during adolescence
- how to reframe negative thinking
- strategies to promote mental health and emotional wellbeing

- about the signs of emotional or mental ill-health
- how to access support and treatment
- about the portrayal of mental health in the media
- how to challenge stigma, stereotypes and misinformation

Financial decision making

The impact of financial decisions, debt, gambling and the impact of advertising on financial choices. Students will learn...

- how to effectively budget and evaluate savings options
- how to prevent and manage debt, including understanding credit rating and pay day lending
- how data is generated, collected and shared, and the influence of targeted advertising
- how thinking errors, e.g. gambler's fallacy, can increase susceptibility to gambling
- strategies for managing influences related to gambling, including online
- about the relationship between gambling and debt
- about the law and illegal financial activities, including fraud and cybercrime
- how to manage risk in relation to financial activity

Exploring influence

The influence and impact of drugs, gangs, role models and the media. Students will learn...

- about positive and negative role models
- how to evaluate the influence of role models and become a positive role model for peers
- about the media's impact on perceptions of gang culture
- about the impact of drugs and alcohol on individuals, personal safety, families and wider communities
- how drugs and alcohol affect decision making
- how to keep self and others safe in situations that involve substance use
- how to manage peer influence in increasingly independent scenarios, in relation to substances, gangs and crime
- exit strategies for pressurised or dangerous situations
- how to seek help for substance use and addiction

Work experience

Preparation for and evaluation of work experience and readiness for work. Students will learn...

- how to evaluate strengths and interests in relation to career development
- about opportunities in learning and work
- strategies for overcoming challenges or adversity
- about responsibilities in the workplace
- how to manage practical problems and health and safety
- how to maintain a positive personal presence online

	• how to evaluate and build on the learning from work experience		
	Building for the future		
Year 11	Self-efficacy, stress management, and future opportunities. Students will learn		
	 how to manage the judgement of others and challenge stereotyping 		
	how to balance ambition and unrealistic expectations		
	 how to develop self-efficacy, including motivation, perseverance and resilience 		
	how to maintain a healthy self-concept		
	about the nature, causes and effects of stress		
	 stress management strategies, including maintaining healthy sleep habits 		
	 about positive and safe ways to create content online and the opportunities this offers how to balance time online 		
	Next steps Application processes, and skills for further education, employment and career progression. Students will learn		
	how to use feedback constructively when planning for the future		
	how to set and achieve SMART targets		
	effective revision techniques and strategies		
	about options post-16 and career pathways		
	• about application processes, including writing CVs, personal statements and interview technique		
	 how to maximise employability, including managing online presence and taking opportunities to broaden experience 		
	 about rights, responsibilities and challenges in relation to working part time whilst studying 		
	how to manage work/life balance		
Independence Responsible health choices, and safety in independent contexts. Students will learn.			
	 how to assess and manage risk and safety in new independent situations (e.g. personal safety in social situations and on the roads) 		
	emergency first aid skills		
	• how to assess emergency and non-emergency situations and contact appropriate services		
	about the links between lifestyle and some cancers		
	• about the importance of screening and how to perform self examination		
	about vaccinations and immunisations		
	• about registering with and accessing doctors, sexual health clinics, opticians and other health services		

•	how to manage influences and risks relating to cosmetic and aesthetic body alterations
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• about blood, organ and stem cell donation

Curriculum Links

Relates to item 9 within the RSHE Policy

The school will seek opportunities to draw links between RSHE and other curriculum subjects wherever possible to enhance pupils' learning.

RSHE will be linked to the following subjects:

Collective Worship - pupils have the opportunity to reflect upon difference and respect for others and to value all people as unique individuals.

Assessment

Relates to item 15.2 within the RSHE Policy

Progress will be monitored through-out topics via self evaluation based upon the learning outcomes for the unit of work. Staff will also monitor work produced and contributions to lessons/sessions, in order to give feedback to pupils, and to address any misconceptions or gaps in understanding. Informal assessments through quizzes etc. will also be used to check understanding.

Students will also complete end point assessments twice a year. This will be in the form of a written test.

Staff Training

Relates to item 16 within the RSHE Policy

Church of England Schools in the Trust will receive regular updates and training through the Diocese of York Link Adviser and service level agreement.

Monitoring and Review

Relates to item 17 within the RSHE Policy

Church of England schools will work closely with their Diocesan link adviser and secondary school improvement lead, to monitor the quality of provision.