

Omega MAT Consultation on Relationships & Sex Education Policy

Frequently Asked Questions

- **Why are you consulting on a Relationships and Sex Education policy now?**

*Under the Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, the government made Relationships Education part of the basic curriculum for primary pupils and therefore compulsory at schools (including maintained schools and academies). In July 2025, The Department for Education (DfE) published revised Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education guidance. It is the first major update since 2019 and will become statutory from **September 2026**.*

- **What are the timescales for the consultation process?**

The consultation will open on 8th June and close on 29th June 2026. Individual academy schools will provide feedback to parents/carers via their consultation website on 6th July 2026.

- **What does this mean for my child?**

Depending upon the age of your child, they will learn about stages in the growth and development of humans, the changes they will experience in puberty, how to develop and maintain healthy relationships and will have an understanding of relationships in different contexts. They will not be taught sex education in primary schools outside of the National Curriculum for primary science. Please see Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the Draft RSE Policy for more detailed breakdown according to age.

- **How can I take part in the consultation?**

*You can respond to the consultation online through the link provided on your child's school website. Parents and carers will be sent a link to this website by their child's school. On this website you will find the draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy, long term plans outlining the curriculum for different year groups and a **link to online survey** which will enable you to provide feedback.*

- **Do I have the right to withdraw my child from Relationships and Sex Education?**

Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE. At primary school, we do not teach sex education outside of the National Curriculum for primary science, so there is no right to withdraw pupils. There is further guidance on this in Section 9 of the draft RSE policy.

- **Who will deliver Relationships and Sex Education in my child's school?**

Class teachers (primary) Form tutors and teachers (secondary) generally deliver RSE with support from other professionals where appropriate. Class teachers/Form tutors work closely with their students and we believe that, through the relationships built, they are usually the best people to work with the students on many of the RSE topics as they are aware of each student's individual circumstances and are in the best position to support each student.

- **When will you provide feedback on the consultation on the draft policy**

Feedback will be provided during the week beginning 6th July and it will be posted on the consultation website. We will inform parents/carers once the feedback has been posted.

- **How will sensitive issues be dealt with?**

Any RSE lesson may consider questions or issues that some students will find sensitive. Before embarking on these lessons ground rules are established in accordance with our usual expectations which prohibit inappropriate personal information being requested or disclosed by those taking part in the lesson. When students ask questions, we aim to answer them honestly, within the ground rules established at the start of the sessions, so each person feels comfortable and encouraged to participate fully. Any student who raises questions beyond the primary curriculum will be sensitively supported on an individual basis.