



SEX EDUCATION POLICY

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Introduction

The governors of Shenstone Lodge School believe that Sex and relationships education should be available for all the children in the school. The statement of entitlement below will meet all the requirements placed on the governors by the DFE.

Entitlement

All children should feel able to ask questions that arise from normal discussions about sex and relationships education. These questions should be answered in an appropriate way with consideration to their maturity and level of understanding.

Implementation

Normally children's questions about physical differences between sexes and any other questions in this sphere are answered factually and honestly as they arise. However it is dealt with, sex and relationships education is presented in the context of family life, of loving relationships and respect for others, bearing in mind that our children come from backgrounds which do not correspond to these ideals and great sensitivity is needed to avoid affecting our children adversely. Sex education is, of course, only one facet of health and personal and social education. Pupils in year 5 & 6 will have the opportunity to undertake a more detailed look at sex education as part of their science studies. This aspect of the curriculum will be dealt with by the class teacher, a member of the childcare staff and where possible the school nurse.

Pupils in KS1,2 and 3 have sessions with the school nurses which cover sex and healthy relationships education, puberty, body image, body changes and internet safety.

At Key Stage 3 pupils will complete lessons around puberty and personal hygiene. These lessons will take a detailed look at the make-up of female and male reproductive systems. In year 9 pupils will complete lessons around Sex and Relationships, including pregnancy and appropriate contact, Domestic Violence, Contraception and Sexually Transmitted Diseases and Infections. Pupils will also complete lessons around Child Sexual Exploitation with content from Womens Aid 'Trapped' Programme.

Parents will be informed when these lessons are to occur and will be given the opportunity to attend these lessons or withdraw their children from them.