



## **The William Hogarth Primary School Sex and Relationship Policy**

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SRE is embedded in the PSHCE curriculum from Nursery to Year 6 to enable children to develop their ideas, knowledge and skills.

### **Aims of SRE**

- Raising self-esteem and self-awareness;
- Identifying the skills needed for successful relationships;
- Promoting a positive attitude towards difference and diversity;
- Developing an understanding of their own and others' rights;
- Providing the ability and confidence to make informed choices;
- Providing the knowledge, skills, understanding and attitude to optimise their health;
- Developing the ability and knowledge to keep themselves and other people safe by minimising risk from harm;
- Developing a discerning eye for the messages they receive from the media;
- Promoting a positive attitude towards their body and sexuality;
- Providing the ability to access help and support.

### **SRE promotes:**

- self-respect and respect for others;
- empathy, mutual support and cooperation;
- honesty;
- responsibility for personal actions;
- respect and acceptance towards others who may have different backgrounds, cultures and sexuality;
- the right of people to hold their own views (as long as these views do not impact negatively on the rights of others);
- the right not to be abused or taken advantage of by other people;
- the right to accurate information about sex and relationship issues.

### **Teaching and Learning:**

#### **Key Stage 1 (5-7 year olds)**

Pupils should be taught:

- that animals, including humans, move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce.
- to recognise and compare the main external parts of the bodies of humans.
- that humans and animals can produce offspring and that these grow into adults.
- to recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others, and treat others with sensitivity.

### Key Stage 2 (7-11 year olds)

Pupils should be taught:

- that the life processes common to humans and other animals include nutrition, growth and reproduction.
- about the main stages of the human life cycle.

SRE is delivered predominantly by the pupils' class teacher.

Before any year group embarks upon its SRE programme, parents/carers are informed by letter of their right to withdraw their child from SRE lessons. They are given an overview of the topics the child will be covering. Parents/carers are also reminded that they can have a copy of the school's SRE policy on request.

### **Safeguarding Procedures**

As a general rule, a child's confidentiality is maintained by the teacher or member of staff concerned. However, if this person believes that the child is at risk or in danger, they talk to the named child protection coordinator in school.