

Relationships Education FAQs

What is Relationships Education?

The government guidance states that 'In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online.'

What will Relationships Education cover?

The new government guidance sets out the content under the following headings: 'Families and people who care for me', 'Caring friendships', 'Respectful relationships', 'Online relationships', 'Being safe'. We will cover these topics through a spiral curriculum (where topics are revised for consolidation and added to through the years) along with our PSHE curriculum using the SCARF scheme of work.

When will the parent consultation be for the new Relationships Education policy?

The parent consultation for the Relationships Education policy will be before the end of Spring term, we will inform parents when a firm date has been set.

Does Relationships Education include Sex Education?

No, Sex Education is mandatory at secondary level not primary. Relationships Education will be planned and delivered in an age appropriate way according to the government statutory guidance. Clyst St Mary Primary School does teach some age appropriate elements of sex education outside of the Science curriculum (which is statutory for all pupils) in Year 6, and parents are informed of this lesson and have a right to withdraw from this particular lesson.

What does the law say about teaching Relationships Education in primary?

New guidance and regulations have been passed in Parliament and will apply from 1 September 2020. The new requirements are that all secondary schools teach RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) and all primary schools teach Relationships Education and it is recommended that all primary schools have a programme of sex education.

Can I see what materials my child's teacher will be using, such as books?

Of course, our teachers would be happy to chat to you, show you books and resources and answer any questions you may have.