



Year 6 Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) at Hunningley Primary Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) curriculum, Year 6 pupils will take part in a carefully planned unit of learning called **"Sex Education: How do people become parents and carers?"**. This forms part of our wider personal development curriculum and supports children in preparing for the transition to secondary school and adolescence.

We understand that parents and carers may wish to know more about this learning and how it will be taught. We hope the information below provides reassurance and clarity.

Why do we teach this?

At Hunningley Primary Academy, we believe children should leave primary school with age-appropriate knowledge that helps them understand their changing bodies, develop healthy relationships and stay safe.

This learning builds upon previous work completed throughout primary school on friendships, families, personal boundaries, consent, respect, puberty, online safety and wellbeing.

What will Year 6 children learn?

During this unit, pupils will learn:

- The correct scientific names for body parts.
- How babies are conceived.
- How a baby grows during pregnancy.
- How babies are born.
- Different types of families and family structures.
- The responsibilities involved in becoming a parent or carer.
- The importance of consent, personal boundaries and respect.
- The legal age of consent and why consent matters.

All learning is delivered sensitively, professionally and in an age-appropriate way by trained staff.



How are lessons taught?

Lessons are taught using the Kapow Primary RSHE curriculum and provide opportunities for children to discuss ideas respectfully, ask questions and develop accurate knowledge and understanding. Teaching is factual, inclusive and sensitive to the needs of all pupils.

Ground rules are established to ensure pupils feel safe, respected and comfortable throughout the unit. Also, where appropriate, and in response to the needs of pupils, some aspects of learning may be delivered in single-sex groups to support open discussion and ensure pupils feel comfortable asking questions in a safe and respectful environment. Teaching is factual, inclusive and sensitive to the needs of all pupils

Can I view the materials?

Yes.

We believe parents and carers are children's first educators and value working closely with families. Information about our RSHE curriculum, including our RSHE Policy, curriculum overviews and consultation documents, can be found on the school's website.

If you would like to view the Year 6 curriculum materials or discuss the content in more detail, please contact the school office and a meeting can be arranged with the RSHE Lead.

Can I withdraw my child?

Relationships Education and Health Education are statutory subjects, and all children are expected to participate in these lessons. Parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from these elements of the curriculum.

Parents do, however, have the legal right to request withdrawal from the non-statutory Sex Education content taught beyond the National Curriculum Science Programme. At Hunningley Primary Academy, this applies to the Year 6 Sex Education unit.

If you wish to withdraw your child

Should you wish to request withdrawal, the following process should be followed:

1. Submit a written request to the Headteacher and Vice Principal.
2. A meeting will be offered to discuss the curriculum content and address any questions or concerns.
3. Following this discussion, parents may confirm their decision regarding withdrawal.
4. Alternative supervised learning will be provided during any withdrawn sessions.



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Whilst we respect every family's right to make this decision, we strongly encourage participation in the programme as part of our commitment to safeguarding, wellbeing and preparing pupils for secondary education. This unit of work will be delivered during the summer term towards the end of Year 6 in preparation for secondary education.

Important Note for Families

The majority of the Year 6 RSHE curriculum, including learning about healthy relationships, consent, personal safety, online safety, puberty, respect, equality and safeguarding, remains statutory and all pupils will continue to take part in these lessons. The right to withdraw applies only to the non-statutory sex education content outlined above.

The aim of this curriculum is to ensure all pupils leave primary school with the knowledge, understanding and confidence needed to stay safe, maintain positive relationships and successfully transition to secondary education.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the curriculum further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr J. Parker

Vice Principal

Leader of Education with Character & PSHE

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