

### **Your rights as a parent**

The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe are respected and valued under the new curriculum. Teaching at our school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up.

You can access the RHE policy on the school website.

### **Right to withdraw your child**

Relationships and Health Education is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and you are therefore unable to withdraw your child from learning the content. It is important that all children receive this learning which covers topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

### **Additional information**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

Please contact Miss Ephraim for additional information.



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Please read this leaflet in addition to the letter dated 16th September 2021, to find out more about Relationships and Health and Health Education at Colvestone.

Thank you to those who have already completed our parent questionnaire via Google forms. The questionnaire will remain open until Sunday 2nd

October 2021. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebUbTdSAAlsVZde3OB2eZ6SKOuS8JN5x5uAh5mWAY3rE0yNw/viewform>

## Relationship and Health Education Policy Parental Consultation

As a part of your child's educational experience at Colvestone we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-education-primary>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships. From September 2020 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education is statutory and forms part of the National Curriculum.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being. This means that we have been reviewing our RHE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age, physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst I am sure that there will be varied opinions about this we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on welcome your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Health Education (RHE).
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

What is taught and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements I have uploaded the information onto our website which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school
- Our proposed draft policy
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements.
- A questionnaire via Google Forms (**closes on Sunday 2nd October**)

We will be using a range of resources to support teaching and learning, this includes guidance and resources from Discover Education, NSPCC and The PSHE Association.

Lessons progress from year 1 to year 6 with activities and videos to make learning engaging and enjoyable for our pupils, as well as developing their learning and understanding in an age-appropriate way.

You are invited to a meeting on to view some of the resources that we will use as part of Relationships and Health education.

**Nursery and Reception** - Thursday 21st October 3:45pm—4:30pm

**Year 1 and Year 2**— Wednesday 6th October 3:45pm—4:30pm

**Year 3 and Year 4**— Monday 4th October 3:45pm—4:30pm

**Year 5 and Year 6**— Wednesday 13th October 3:45pm—4:30pm

**Your views are especially important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of this process later this term. Once we have considered all the feedback, the updated Relationships and Health Education policy will be uploaded to the school's website.**