



Relationships and Health Education- Frequently Asked Questions

Is Sex Education part of these lessons?	No it is not. The requirement is for primary schools is to teach Relationships and Health Education <u>not Sex Education</u> .
Will Relationships and Health Education be suitable for my child?	The teaching of these topics will be age appropriate and respectful of faith and diversity. Relationships and Health Education does not teach children about sex.
Will Relationships and Health Education be compatible with my religion?	Schools must take into account the religious background of all pupils and handle sensitive topics appropriately. The Equality Act (2010), states that religion or belief are protected characteristics, along with: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; sex; sexual orientation. Schools must deliver the statutory curriculum to all pupils.
What about children with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities?	Relationships and Health education, like all other aspects of the curriculum, should be differentiated and personalised for pupils with S.E.N.D. Schools have a duty to prepare children for adulthood from early childhood, as set out in the S.E.N.D. code of practice.
Can I withdraw my child from Relationships and Health Education?	There is no right to withdraw children from Relationships and Health Education. We have to deliver the full curriculum to all children.
As a parent how much say do I have about these lessons?	As a school we have to teach the curriculum set by the Department for Education. However, we would welcome any feedback on the planned teaching sequences and resources in the Parent Consultation meetings.
Will my child have to learn about gay relationships/LGBTQ+ people?	We will teach children to be respectful and fair to people from all types of families, including those with a mum and dad, single parent families, adoptive and foster families, and those with same sex parents. This will be an integral part of the curriculum. There is no such thing as an “LGBT lesson” The Department for Education has included this in order to promote respect for diversity and to prevent bullying of all children.