

Frequently Asked Questions

Question/Concern	Answer
Do schools have to teach RHE?	Yes, it is statutory for all schools.
Why do schools teach RHE?	Children are growing up in a complex world both online and offline. This presents many opportunities but also many risks. As a school we are responsible to ensure that children know how to stay healthy and manage their personal and social lives in a positive way. Evidence shows that teaching RHE safeguards pupils.
What materials/resources will you use to teach RHE?	We use the Discovery Education Relationships and Health scheme. We have carefully assessed each resource to ensure it is appropriate for the children's maturity and ability. We only use resources that are sensitive, take into account children's backgrounds and fit the ethos of our school. In our consultation with parents we share with you the resources so you are aware and so you are better able to continue conversations with your child, if you wish. You can see these resources on the website.
Are you teaching sex education?	No, we have chosen not to teach this. Sex education is the only part that is non-statutory for primary schools.
When do you teach about periods?	Periods are taught in Y5.
When do you teach puberty?	Puberty is taught in Y6.
Does the new Relationships Education curriculum take into consideration my faith?	RHE is taught to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain. The religious background of pupils must be taken into account when teaching so that topics are appropriately handled. As a school we must comply with provisions of the Equality Act 2010, under which religion or belief are protected characteristics. We understand that faith underpins lifestyle and choice and so the RHE curriculum is delivered sensitively with this in mind. It's important to say that we do not tell children what choices to make in a way that could undermine their religion, we are informing them of the facts and that people live their lives in different ways and we should respect those differences.
Will my child be taught about LGBT relationships?	Children will be taught that there is diversity between families. The content is integrated into the curriculum rather than being stand alone. In Year 3 the children watch a child-led video which addresses diversity in families, one family featured is a LGBT family. The resources used are factual. Our teaching must reflect the law so children know what the law

	allows and doesn't allow. Learning about different families is statutory and we are fulfilling our requirement as a school under the Equality Act 2010. The video is on our website.
Will my child learn about drugs?	In Year 5 children learn the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and the associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking. The resources are on the website for you to see.
Where can I find the Government Document?	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf