

Policy Statement on Relationships and Sex Education

1. Each school must have a written Relationships and Sex Education Policy.
2. Relationships and Sex Education should not be delivered in isolation but be integrated within the curriculum and whole school ethos. However, it should form a discrete strand within the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Curriculum.
3. The Headteacher must consult with parents/carers in developing the school's Relationships and Sex Education Policy and the final policy must be approved by the school's governing body.
4. The Relationships and Sex Education Policy should be inclusive of all pupils and take account of different cultural backgrounds.
5. The Relationships and Sex Education policy should reflect and explicitly relate to other relevant Departmental, school and college policies, including those on child protection and confidentiality.
6. The Relationships and Sex Education Policy will take account of current policies and guidance on health, drugs and alcohol produced by the Department of Education, Sport and Culture, the Department of Health and Social Care and the Chief Minister's Children and Young People's Strategy.
7. Each school should include in its published prospectus a brief statement of the content and organisation of the Relationships and Sex Education provided by the school. The prospectus should also provide an explanation of how parents/carers who wish to discuss this issue can do so and an indication of how parents/carers can put into effect their right to withdraw their child.
8. The school Relationships and Sex Education Policy must include:
 - The aims of Relationships and Sex Education in the school
 - A clear statement of where responsibility lies for the delivery of Relationships and Sex Education within the school
 - An overview of the content, organisation and delivery of Relationships and Sex Education with updated content to reflect current best practice
 - Details of how parents/carers who wish to discuss Relationships and Sex Education in the school can do so
 - Details of how parents/carers can put into effect their right to withdraw their child from Relationships and Sex Education
 - A statement on how the school's Relationships and Sex Education policy will be disseminated

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