



## Relationship & Sex Education Local Arrangements

At St Stephen's CofE First School RSHE is part of our curriculum offer. RSHE education sits in line with our Church ethos to develop and support students understanding of their self and how they interact with others in society. It sits in line with our Church school values: peace, love, hope, compassion and forgiveness and our insistence that at St Stephen's we respect one another and our planet.

'We undertake to follow the principles in the Church of England Charter for faith sensitive and inclusive relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSHE) and health education (RSHE).'

We use Islington PSHE / RSHE scheme of work as a basis for delivering these lessons. RSHE is delivered in line with our Science Curriculum on animal life cycles, PSHE curriculum and other curriculum areas as and where applicable. It is adapted to be age appropriate and suitable for the needs of our students and is progressive and sequential developing key concepts and ideas. Students may discuss concepts taught in RSHE / PSHE as part of their wider curriculum.

Withdrawing Students from RSHE Education:

DFE guidance clearly states that a parent has the right to withdraw their children from Sex education where it goes beyond what is taught in the National Curriculum for Science. Parents do not have the right to withdraw from Relationship Education. Full details of the Guidance for Relationship Education

[Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education.](#)

The content set out in the above guidance covers everything that primary schools should teach about relationships and health, including puberty. The national curriculum for science also includes subject content in related areas, such as the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty) and reproduction in some plants and animals." **Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSHE) and Health Education Statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams, teachers. DfE 2021**

The school does not intend to teach sex education beyond the Science Curriculum content. See our Curriculum overviews for further details.

RSE Education will be delivered by your child's class teacher.

Our RSE is implemented in line with other curriculum policies:

1. Safeguarding Policy
2. PSHE /RSHE Trust Policy
3. Curriculum Methodology Policy
4. Mental Health and Wellbeing
5. Intimate Care Policy