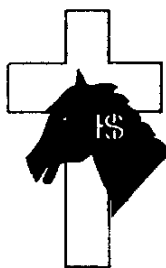


# HORSINGTON CHURCH SCHOOL



## RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION POLICY

### RATIONALE

By the end of Key Stage 2, children may have been bombarded with all sorts of information and images about 'relationships' and 'sex'.

Some children receive education about relationships between boys and girls, men and women, and sex. However not all children do and therefore it is the school's responsibility to take nothing for granted and, in a matter-of-fact yet caring way, the facts about body changes during puberty, reproduction and birth are explained. Also within this education opportunities are made to explore issues regarding relationships, marriage and friends.

Marriage will be promoted as the ideal stable relationship within which children are born and raised, however other stable relationships will of course be discussed and every effort made to avoid any prejudices being established.

Sex Education is seen in school as part of a broader curriculum and is more than just biological facts. Personal hygiene, moral and legal issues, Christian, cultural and ethnic dimensions, as well as feelings about love, sexuality and responsibilities towards oneself and towards others all make up the overall education. Sexual safety in the context of E-Safety will also be covered.

As they grow and mature children face choices. It is essential that they are made aware of the consequences and responsibilities that go with certain choices. Teaching at this stage may well help them on their road through life's challenges.

### AIMS

1. To encourage awareness, respect and responsibility to oneself and to others.
2. To reassure children that physical, emotional and social changes are quite normal and acceptable.
3. To counter myths and misinformation about relationships and sex by examining opinions and encouraging discussion.
4. To explain what happens when sexual intercourse takes place and the responsibilities that this entails.
5. To emphasise the value of sex within a stable loving marriage or relationship, where each individual is mature enough to accept the responsibility and where care and respect are paramount.

## **WHERE AND HOW RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION IS TAUGHT**

Relationships and Sex Education is taught formally to Year 5 and 6 pupils in their final 2 years as part of a broader preparation for changes in life.

The Relationships and Sex Education is based around the following programmes:

1. Channel 4 - Living and Growing Unit 2 - Years 5 and 6

BBC Schools Production - 'Sex Education':

1. Changes – Puberty - Year 6
2. New Member of the Family - Birth of a Baby – Year 6

These programmes can be seen by parents who wish to view the contents before their child sees them at school, a letter will be sent inviting them to a meeting.

**RIGHT TO WITHDRAW:** Parents may of course decide that they would prefer their children not to watch these videos. If this is decided, a letter must be written to the Headteacher to advise him of the child's withdrawal.

## **CONCLUSION**

This policy statement has been written in accordance with the Aims of the School. It should be considered alongside other relevant policy statements and will be reviewed by the Staff and Governors bi-annually.

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