

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School



Sex & Relationships Policy

Autumn 2017

School Mission Statement

'Faith in growing, growing in Faith'

God is therefore at the heart of our school. It is our role to teach the message of the Gospels. The Gospel values of trust, honesty, forgiveness, loving and caring for one another are part of our everyday life. These values are reflected in our curriculum and as a result each individual is encouraged to use God's gifts fully to realise his/her potential.

Rationale for SRE

Pupil's personal, social, health and emotional development are promoted in our school by a supportive school ethos, where all are valued and encouraged, where positive relationships are seen as important and there is a safe and secure learning atmosphere. In our school, sex and relationships education is offered as part of an integrated programme of family life. The pupils are aided to develop an understanding that sexuality and human development are related to their faith. It promotes a gradual understanding and healthy appreciation of self growth, relationships, love, marriage and family life.

Themes covered from Foundation Stage to Year 6

Me and home

I am unique. The differences between the sexes. Only boys can become fathers and only girls can become mothers. The structure of a family. That Jesus had a family, The Holy Family. We are made out of love. Jesus loves us all. Jesus grew up in a family. He grew up with other children and grew in care and love for others. Think of how they look after their bodies

Christmas

Jesus was born to Mary. She cared for him. Parents have love for each other and their children. God gave us His Son as a special gift. Mary's role as a mother and relating it to the work of our mothers.

School

Growing relationships. Communities of care. Learning to have respect for themselves and each other.

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Other People

Learning to tolerate, contribute, share and forgive. Encourage children to have appreciation of different cultures and ethnic backgrounds. Weddings are a time of celebration of two peoples love for each other. This love can bring about new life. Know that the church has grown since the time of Jesus.

Easter and Spring

Caring for new borns and feeding and cleaning them. Life cycles of animals. Seeds and plants grow into life. Jesus died to give us life.

Themes covered in Year 5 and 6

In Year 5 and 6 the children follow the Diocesan Department of RE's scheme 'All that I am'. It aims to provide a curriculum in SRE that is authentic to the church's teaching and acknowledges pupils' stage of physical and sexual development. It is rooted in the belief that we are all made in the image and likeness of God.

We work closely towards the model policy statement for sex and relationship education that is proposed by the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

School also invites the school nurses to come into school to hygiene and development. The children are invited to the talk with parent permission and members of school staff are present to discuss and support.

A parental consultation meeting takes place before the programme begins. Parents are invited to comment on the materials and have the opportunity to withdraw their children at any time. The girls are taught separately to the boys to give both groups the opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns. The girls are led by the female senior leader and the boys by the male senior leader.