



FIR TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

Sex Education Policy

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SIGNED:
On behalf of the Governing Body

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Name of School: Fir Tree Primary School and Nursery

Sex Education is part of our Social, Personal and Health Education programme. This policy outlines the nature, purpose and management of Sex Education at Fir Tree Primary School, which will form an integral part of the curriculum, promoting knowledge of the human life cycle and the development of responsible attitudes in relationships. Sex Education will be offered through a variety of different teaching methods in an age appropriate way. The most common method will be through the "cross curricular" approach. This will serve to emphasize that Sex Education is closely related to science, RE and PE. In the Upper Juniors there are a few specific lessons, for which the school nurse may visit.

This policy reflects the view of all the teaching staff and was drawn up as result of staff discussion. The implementation of the policy is the responsibility of all teaching staff and will be monitored by the headteacher.

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Specifically, each child will be given opportunities to:

- Develop an understanding of the feelings and emotions, which are part of the process of growing up;
- Focus on the skills necessary for the development of relationships with others;
- Acquire knowledge of the physical aspects of growing up, reproduction and birth;
- Develop respect for their bodies and those of others;
- Learn that the reproduction process is taught within the context of a warm and loving family.

Sex Education will take place in an atmosphere of trust and openness with the class teacher. Teaching in Key Stage 2 will be through discussion, appropriate use of vetted videos, published materials and the use of visitors such as the school nurse. At all times consideration will be given to the age, maturity and level of understanding of the pupils concerned. Consequently, the teaching materials and approach will be reviewed each time Sex Education takes place. Questions will be dealt with honestly and with sensitivity.

At all times, Sex Education will take place within a framework of moral consideration and the value of family life. (This conforms to the overall requirements of the 1986 Act.)

Section 241 of the education act 1993 gives parents the right to withdraw their children from any or all parts of the school's programme of sex education **other than those elements which are required by the national curriculum science order**. [This requires that pupils at Key Stage One and Key Stage Two should be taught about human life stages. As for all topics specified in the National Curriculum, parents are not entitled to withdraw their children.]

Parents who wish to do this should contact the Headteacher so that suitable arrangements can be made. Parents do not need to give a reason. Once a request for withdrawal has been made it will be complied with until the parent changes or revokes it. Parents will be invited voluntarily to indicate reasons for withdrawal, so any misunderstanding about the nature of Sex Education provided by the school may be resolved. In order to try to prevent any misconception, the school will invite parents to view the materials and videos used in class.