



## **Copnor Primary School – D9. Sex and Relationship Policy**

### **Rationale**

Sex and relationship is a responsibility that is shared between home and school. Our policy endeavours to ensure that children leave Copnor School with the information to make valid decisions necessary to live healthy, safe and independent lives. Throughout the SRE programmes an emphasis will be placed on sharing safeguarding information with trusted adults.

### **Aims**

Sex education in this school will be developmental and a foundation for further work in the secondary school. It will contribute to the requirement of the Education Act 1988 that the school curriculum should be one which:

- Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society
- Prepares pupil for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life
- Prepare pupils to know what is reasonable expected behaviour and what may be unsafe

### **Practice**

The school will work towards this aim in partnership with parents.

The sex education programme will reflect the school ethos and demonstrate and encourage the following values:

- Respect for self
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for our own actions
- Responsibility for our family, friends, school and wider community

The teaching will be suited to the age and physical, emotional and social maturity of the children. When it is appropriate, our sex and relationship education will be taught through cross-curricular links but will predominantly be covered within PSHE.

### **It is our aim to:**

- Inform children about their own bodies and the changes that will take place
- Teach children to respect their own bodies and know that they have a right to say no
- Provide them with information on who to talk to if they ever feel unsafe, and encourage them to do this
- Give children strategies to cope with new feelings as they grow up
- Inform children about human reproduction
- Provide the children with a secure environment in which they can ask questions about their bodies and growing up
- Teach an awareness of the range of relationships the children have and the differences between them

This will be taught throughout the Key Stage in accordance with PSHE scheme of work. In years 5 and 6, parents will be informed, by letter, of a meeting at which the sex education programme of study will be discussed and resources made available for view.

It is a parents right to request the removal of their child from sex education lessons although we encourage discussion of the planning prior to a final decision.

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