

Policy for Sex and Relationships

Castlethorpe First School

Introduction

At Castlethorpe First School we believe that Sex and Relationships does not stand as a subject on its own, but as part of the integrated curriculum. In common with all aspects of a child's education, sex education is ongoing, and is taught as and when appropriate. We believe that children's questions should be answered in a frank, honest and sensitive manner, and that as in other curriculum areas, the class teacher is best placed to decide at what level discussions should be aimed for each class, group or individual child.

Aim

To give children knowledge appropriate to their age about their bodies and relationships.

Objectives

Our objectives in the teaching of sex and relationships are that children

- Respect their own bodies and those of others
- Value and need: trust, honesty, support and respect
- Recognise what responsibility means

We teach children about:

- the physical development of their bodies;
- respect for their own bodies and those of others;
- the importance of family life;
- moral questioning;
- trust, honesty, support and respect;
- to recognise what responsibility means;

Teaching and Learning Style

- Sex and Relationship is taught in the context of the PSHCE programme which itself fulfils the requirements of the national framework for PSHCE.
- The school achieved Healthy School Status and gains support for the development of PSHCE through this.
- Where appropriate the use of external agencies are encouraged for example asking the school nurse to come in and talk to the children about personal hygiene.
- Responses to children's own questions
- Sex and relationships curriculum (MK publication)

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To ensure all children have access to Sex and Relationship education. Children with special needs receive extra support from teaching assistants.

Roles and Responsibilities of staff

All staff are aware of their responsibilities to retain confidentiality within the school when children raise issues, or home situations come to their attention.

STAFF MUST NEVER GUARANTEE CONFIDENTIALITY

Child protection concerns should be referred to the Head Teacher.

Children withdrawn from Sex and Relationship education

Parents wishing to withdraw their children from Sex and Relationship education need to write a letter to the class teacher, informing them of their wishes. The class teacher must pass those names onto the Head Teacher. Those children will be withdrawn from the entire programme of study. These children will be given alternative work to do.

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