

# Parent Consultation on Relationship and Sex Education

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Our vision at Hebburn Comprehensive School is to have a harmonious community where the emphasis for all is on learning and achievement, where pupils feel safe and happy and where a culture of success and ambition is embedded and celebrated throughout the school and wider community.

We aim to raise the aspirations of all our young people, inculcating a respect for one another and for the values of learning, citizenship and tolerance.

Through challenge, partnership and support, we aim to raise standards of achievement further; create a genuine sense of community spirit; and enhance all of our pupils' life chances for the future.

Why is RSE  
in schools  
important?

**High quality RSE helps create safe school communities in which students can grow, learn, and develop positive, healthy behaviour for life, and for the following reasons:**



# Why is RSE in schools important?

- RSE plays a vital part in schools fulfilling their statutory duties to protect and safeguard their students.
- Schools maintain a statutory obligation under the Children Act (2004) to promote their students' wellbeing and under the Education Act (2002) to prepare children and young people for the challenges, opportunities and responsibilities of adult life
- Technology is evolving at a tremendous pace. The need to protect children and young people from inappropriate online content, cyber-bullying and exploitation is a growing concern.

A comprehensive RSE programme can support in addressing these issues.

# RSE in secondary schools

- **The aim of Relationships and Sex Education is to give**
- **Young people the information needed to develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds, not just intimate relationships**
- **Effective Relationships and Sex Education does not encourage early sexual experimentation** but teaches young people to understand human sexuality and respect themselves and others.
- Knowledge about safer sex and sexual health remains important to ensure young people can make safe, informed and healthy choices as they progress to adult life.
- **Pupils should also be given opportunities to understand how healthy relationships can benefit their own mental wellbeing and self respect**

# STATUTORY RE AND RSE

Relationships Education	Relationships and Sex Education
Families and people who care for me	Families
Caring friendships	Respectful relationships, including friendships
Respectful relationships	Online and media
Online relationships	Being safe (including peer on peer abuse)
Being Safe	Intimate sexual relationships, including sexual health
	Law

Relationships and Health Education Statutory guidance –

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/908013/Relationships\\_Education\\_Relationships\\_and\\_Sex\\_Education\\_RSE\\_and\\_Health\\_Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/908013/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)



# Support for parents and carers

You may access relevant guides following the link below.

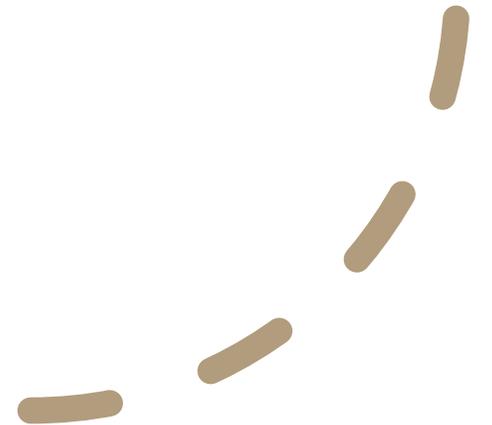
Relationships, sex and health education:  
guides for parents - GOV.UK –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>



Where can I  
get more  
information  
on what will  
be taught?

Please refer to the curriculum mapping on  
the HCS website.



# Any questions?

Please send any queries or questions to [RSHE@hebburn.net](mailto:RSHE@hebburn.net)