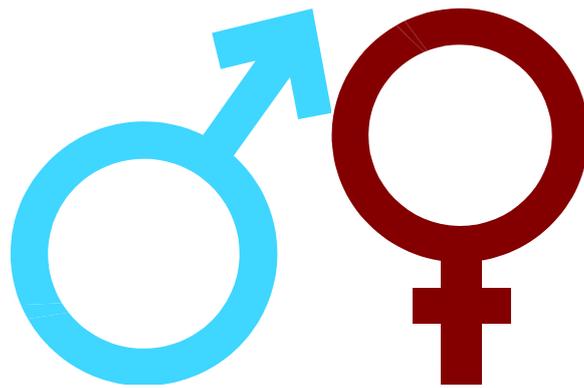


St. John's Walworth CE Primary School

Sex & Relationship Education Policy



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Whilst accepting that sex and relationship education has a part to play in schools, it has been decided that dedicated sex education lessons will only take place in Year 6. A module consisting of five lessons over five days is taught by a male and female teacher, using materials developed with the CARE trust, a Christian organisation, including a CD-rom (particularly disc 2) produced by Yorkshire Television. The lessons involve discussion about relationships and sexual matters, with opportunities provided for boys and girls to have single sex question and answer sessions with a teacher of the same gender. Children are given the opportunity to explore the issues using the CD-rom at times outside the formal lessons.

It is expected that where sex education and related issues occur ‘naturally’ throughout the whole curriculum, through all age groups (for example in the Science National Curriculum), teachers will teach the matters arising with sensitivity according to the statutory requirements.

If a child asks questions relating to sex education adults in the school are expected to answer in a way that is sensitive, accurate and in line with the Christian ethos of the school. Parents will be involved where the school feels that enquiries are of a sensitive nature.

In Year 6 parents are asked to give their written consent if they want their child to be involved in the five day lessons on sex education.

Year 6 Sex Education Programme

Lesson 1 – Sex Education

Lesson 2 – Peer Group Pressure

Lesson 3 – Menstruation and anorexia

Lesson 4 – Loss and Separation

Lesson 5 - Marriage

Content for Growing Up Together – Key Stage 2

On entering the CD-rom children are presented with a block of flats or a scene set in a park. The teacher or parent determines which opening scene children meet. Children can find out about the occupants of each flat by clicking on the flat itself. In the park scene, they can discover more about four of the characters living in the flats simply by clicking on the characters themselves. For those children who have made use of ‘Growing Up Together 2’ many of the characters will be recognisable. ‘Growing Up Together 2’ is set six years after disc 1. This allows children to follow the lives of those in the flats and see what changes have occurred. Sid, who lives in Flat 2, has died. All flats are occupied in ‘Growing Up Together 2’.

A brief overview of the content covered in each flat and with each character is provided here, to assist teachers and parents in deciding how to use this disc in a way which is suitable for their children.

Flat 1

Tom and Judy live in this flat. The main theme here is puberty and disability. Tom looks back at the time when he was a teenager. Relationships, fashion and peer attitudes are explored.

Flat 2

Yehunda and Judith Black live in flat 2 with their daughter Sheina and their son Aryeh. Yehunda is the Rabbi at the local synagogue. Jewish family celebrations and attitudes to the raising of children are considered in this flat.

Flat 3

Janet and James live in flat 3. Alistair, Janet's husband, has recently moved out of the flat. The theme is separation and how it affects family members. Separation is now shown as a solution to marital difficulties, but hopefully as a temporary measure while Janet and Alistair deal with their difficulties.

Flat 4

Susan lives in flat 4. She has just arrived back from her daughter Amy's wedding. The theme here is Christian marriage, weddings and celebration.

Flat 5

Sultan, Nasim and their children Zubair, Saima and Salma live in flat 5 with Sultan's mother, Macbool. Macbool came to Britain from Pakistan 35 years ago. They are Muslims. Family life is looked at in this flat, along with some aspects of Muslim culture.

Flat 6

This is the home of the Carter family, Barbara, Simon and their son Sam. Barbara is pregnant. The theme here is birth, babies and parenting. Some aspects of sexual reproduction and the development of the foetus are covered in this flat.

Flat 7

Guiseppe, Giovanna and their four children live here. Sabrina is 16 while Paulo is 12. Peer group pressure, particularly in the context of pressure to smoke is a central theme. Paulo's relationship with his parents is also touched upon.

Flat 8

David, Vale and their children live in flat 8. Mark is 14 while Liz is 12. Sexual reproduction and contraception are the main themes, which are covered here.

Characters

James

James is 12. He is quite grown up for his age. Themes of loss and separation are discussed here. James talks about the death of Sid, who lives in flat 2. He also talks about his feelings about his parents' separation.

Amy

The theme of abstinence is dealt with, as Amy talks with Pierre about why she and some of her friends choose not to be sexually active during their teenage years.

Sabrina

The theme here is menstruation. Liz and Sabrina discuss their concerns and Sabrina explains to Liz what happens when she first started her periods.

Liz

Media pressure on young people is briefly considered through the theme of anorexia as Liz talks with her mother about a good friend who has been admitted to hospital as severely anorexic.

Growing Up Together 2

Flat 5 Muslim family life	Flat 7 Peer group pressure	
Flat 4 Christian marriage, weddings and celebrations	Flat 6 Birth, babies and parenting	Flat 8 Sexual reproduction and contraception
Flat 1 Relationships, fashion	Flat 3 Marial separation	Flat 2 Jewish family celebrations and attitudes to raising children