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**Statutory
Sex Education and Relationship Policy**

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Rationale

Sex education is an important part of the curriculum in this school as it is an important part of children's preparation for adult life. Whilst recognising that Parents/Carers have the major role in bringing up children, we believe that sex education in the school can usefully complement and support that role.

Aims

To help pupils cope with the physical and emotional challenges of growing up, giving them a fundamental understanding of human reproduction as part of Life Processes and Living Things'

Guidelines – Primary Academies

1. Sex education is taught as a normal and essential part of our cross-curricular work on Health Education.
2. Parents/Carers are given opportunity to view the materials to be used in teaching related to sex education, and to discuss the work to be undertaken.
3. The school nurse (where applicable) can contribute to our programme in a manner that is consistent with the Board of Directors' overall policy and with the statutory requirements.
4. Year 5 and 6 girls will have education about menstruation and all Year 6 will be educated about puberty and healthy relationships. The Trust approved provider, 'Busy Bodies' (https://www.healthpromotion.ie/health/inner/busy_bodies) is recommended and it is the school's decision whether to deliver the video 'How babies are made'. Schools may opt to use different material after first thoroughly assessing its value.
5. Parents/Carers are informed of their right to withdraw their child from particular parts of the school's programme of sex education. They are informed by letter when lessons will take place and may withdraw their child by informing the school in writing of their wishes. The Head Teacher will discuss the request with the parent before the final decision is made.
6. Written consent will be sought before any child partakes in the Sex education taught lesson.
7. The school, where possible, will look to provide all Year Five and Six female pupils with samples of sanitary products (free resources are available from a variety of online sources). Some schools may choose to use Red Box which is a free resource in York.
8. The PHSCE co-ordinator, alongside the SLT will ensure that the delivery of sessions are in line with the overall curriculum planning for the delivery of sex and relationship education. It must fit the Academy's ethos and provide support before and afterwards for those pupils who are identified as vulnerable and/or require reasonable adjustments to access the information in the session.