

RSHE POLICY	
Localised School Based Procedures	
School Name:	Forest of Galtres Anglican Methodist Primary School
Principal:	Hannah Holmes
Designated Safeguarding Lead:	Hannah Holmes
RSHE Lead	Hannah Holmes
Implementation Date: <i>Inline with policy approval</i>	September 2026

In conjunction with our Trust wide RSHE policy, localised procedures have been established to ensure that systems and procedures reflect the school/academy setting. This policy and localised procedures are underpinned by our schools vision and values.

We have also consulted Church of England Guidance including;

- Church of England Archbishops' Council Education Division and The National Society Valuing All God's Children (Archbishop's Council Education Division, May 2014).
- The Church of England Education Office Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools Evaluation Schedule (The National Society, September 2023).
- The Church of England Education Office Church of England Vision for Education: Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good (Autumn 2016).
- The Church of England Education Office The Fruit of the Spirit: A Church of England Discussion Paper on Character Education (October 2015).
- The Church of England Foundation for Educational Leadership Leadership of Character Education: Developing Virtues and Celebrating Human Flourishing in Schools (September 2017)
- https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-11///rshe-principles-and-charter_0.pdf

The localised procedures for the school/academy setting focus on the following key areas: -

- Introduction
- Teaching staff responsible for delivering the RSHE curriculum
- Organisation of the RSHE curriculum
- Channels for Providing Feedback
- Consultation with parents/carers
- Relationships Education
- Health Education
- Sex Education
- Delivery of the curriculum
- Withdrawal from lessons

Should you have any concerns or questions relating to the localised procedure, in the first instance, please contact hello@fog.hlt.academy

Introduction

We understand our responsibility to deliver a high-quality, age-appropriate and evidence-based relationships, sex and health curriculum for all our pupils. This policy sets out the framework for our relationships, sex and health curriculum, providing clarity on how it is informed, organised and delivered.

'So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them. (Genesis 1:27, NRSV) I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness. (John 10:10, GNB)'

At our school, we undertake to follow the principles in the Church of England Charter for faith sensitive and inclusive relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education (RSHE), regarding our RSE and Health Education Policy;

https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-11///RSHE%20Principles%20and%20Charter_0.pdf

All pupils have a right to an education which enables them to flourish and is set in a learning community where differences of lifestyle and opinion (within that which is permissible under UK law) are treated with dignity and respect; bullying of all kinds is eliminated; and where they are free to be themselves and fulfil their potential without fear. Our school/academy therefore takes a faith-sensitive and inclusive approach to this policy. All pupils are treated with dignity, made in the image of God and loved equally by God.

Our RSHE curriculum ensures that all pupils are able to cherish themselves and others as unique and wonderfully made, to keep themselves safe and are able to form healthy relationships where they respect and afford dignity to others.

Teaching staff responsible for delivering the RSHE curriculum

Relates to item 2.5 within the Primary School RSHE Policy

Name	Job title
Georgina Rothel	Class Teacher
Georgy Thompson	Class Teacher
Rebecca Rimmer	Class Teacher
Emily Cryar	Class Teacher
Nicola Lee	Class Teacher
Anna Winfield	Class Teacher

Organisation of the RSHE curriculum

Relates to item 3.2 within the Primary School RHE Policy

“Sex education” is defined as teaching pupils about developing healthy sexuality, and will cover issues, beyond those covered in the science and health curricula, that will be determined in response to the needs of the relevant cohort.

Channels for Providing Feedback

Relates to item 3.6 within the Primary School RSHE Policy

Any parent/carer, teacher or pupil can provide feedback throughout the academic year by:

- Organising a meeting with the principal
- Speaking with the principal at drop off or pick up at the school gate
- Emailing hello@fog.hlt.academy
- Submitting written feedback to the main school office

Consultation with Parents/Carers

Relates to item 4 within the Primary School RSHE Policy

The school will work closely with parents/carers in reviewing the sex education curriculum, and will consult with them annually with regards to what is covered. An overview of the RSHE curriculum is available on the school website and parents will be informed prior to the teaching of specific sex education content.

Relationships Education

Relates to item 6.1 within the Primary School RSHE Policy

Reception and Year 1

In EYFS, children are introduced to the key relationships in their lives. They learn about families and the different roles people can have in a family. They explore the friendships they have and what makes a good friend. They are introduced to simple strategies they can use to mend friendships. The children also practise Jigsaw’s Calm Me and how they can use this when feeling upset or angry.

In year one, children’s breadth of relationships is widened to include people they may find in their school community. They consider their own significant relationships (family, friends and school community) and why these are special and important. As part of the lessons on healthy and safe relationships, children learn that touch can be used in kind and unkind ways. This supports later work on safeguarding. Pupils also consider their own personal attributes as a friend, family member and as part of a community, and are encouraged to celebrate these.

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Year 2	<p>In year two, learning about family relationships widens to include roles and responsibilities in a family and the importance of cooperation, appreciation and trust. Friendships are also revisited with a focus on falling out and mending friendships. This becomes more formalised and the children learn and practise two different strategies for conflict resolution (Solve it together and Mending Friendships). Children consider the importance of trust in relationships and what this feels like. They also learn about two types of secret, and why ‘worry secrets’ should always be shared with a trusted adult. Children reflect upon different types of physical contact in relationships, which are acceptable and which ones are not. They practise strategies for being assertive when someone is hurting them or being unkind. The children also learn about people who can help them if they are worried or scared.</p>
Year 3	<p>In year three, children revisit family relationships and identify the different expectations and roles that exist within the family home. They identify why stereotypes can be unfair and may not be accurate, e.g. Mum is the carer, Dad goes to work. They also look at careers and why stereotypes can be unfair in this context. They learn that families should be founded on love, respect, appreciation, trust and cooperation. Children are reminded about the Solve it together technique for negotiating conflict situations and the concept of a win-win outcome is introduced.</p> <p>Online relationships through gaming and apps are explored and children are introduced to some rules for staying safe online. Children also learn that they are part of a global community and they are connected to others they don’t know in many ways, e.g. through global trade. They investigate the wants and needs of other children who are less fortunate and compare these with their own. Children’s universal rights are also revisited.</p>
Year 4	<p>In year four, learning in this year group starts focussing on the emotional aspects of relationships and friendships. With this in mind, children explore jealousy and loss/ bereavement. They identify the emotions associated with these relationship changes, the possible reasons for the change and strategies for coping with the change. The children learn that change is a natural in relationships and they will experience (or may have already experienced) some of these changes. Children revisit skills of negotiation particularly to help manage a change in a relationship. They also learn that sometimes it is better if relationships end, especially if they are causing negative feelings or they are unsafe. Children are taught that relationship endings can be amicable.</p>
Year 5	<p>In year five, children learn about the importance of self-esteem and ways this can be boosted. This is important in an online context as well as offline, as mental health can be damaged by excessive comparison with others. This leads onto a series of lessons that allow the children to investigate and reflect upon a variety of positive and negative online/social media contexts including gaming and social networking. They learn about age-limits and also age-appropriateness. Within these lessons, children are taught the SMART internet safety rules and they apply these in different situations. Risk, pressure and influences are revisited with a focus on the physical and emotional aspects of identifying when something online or in social media feels uncomfortable or unsafe. Children are taught about grooming and how people online can pretend to be whoever they want. Rights, responsibilities and respect are revisited with an angle on technology use. Screen time is also</p>

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	discussed and children find ways to reduce their own screen time. This Puzzle aims to help children to be more discerning when viewing anything online or on social media.
Year 6	In year six, children learn more about mental health and how to take care of their own mental well-being. They explore the grief cycle and its various stages, and discuss the different causes of grief and loss. The children learn about people who can try to control them or have power over them. They investigate online safety, learning how to judge if something is safe and helpful, as well as talking about communicating with friends and family in a positive and safe way.

Health Education	
Relates to item 8.1 within the Primary School RSHE Policy	
Reception and Year 1	<p>In EYFS, children learn about their bodies: the names of some key parts as well as how to stay healthy. They talk about food and that some foods are healthier than others. They discuss the importance of sleep and what they can do to help themselves get to sleep. They talk about hand washing and why it is important. The class also discuss 'stranger danger' and what they should do if approached by someone they don't know.</p> <p>In year one, the children learn about healthy and less healthy choices and how these choices make them feel. They explore about hygiene, keeping themselves clean and that germs can make you unwell. The children learn about road safety, and about people who can help them to stay safe.</p>
Year 2	In year two, the children learn about healthy food; they talk about having a healthy relationship with food and making healthy choices. The children consider what makes them feel relaxed and stressed. They learn about medicines, how they work and how to use them safely. The children make healthy snacks and discuss why they are good for their bodies.
Year 3	In year three, the children learn about the importance of exercise and how it helps your body to stay healthy. They also learn about their heart and lungs, what they do and how they are very important. The children discover facts about calories, fat and sugar; they discuss what each of these are and how the amount they consume can affect their health. The children learn about different types of drugs, the ones you take to make you better, as well as other drugs. The children consider things, places and people that are dangerous and link this to strategies for keeping themselves safe.
Year 4	In year four, the children look at the friendship groups that they are part of, how they are formed, how they have leaders and followers and what role they play. The children reflect on their friendships, how different people make them feel and which friends they value the most. The children also learn about smoking and its effects on health; they do the same with alcohol and then look at the reasons why people might drink or smoke. Finally, they learn about peer pressure and how to deal with it successfully.

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Year 5	In year five, the children investigate the risks associated with smoking and how it affects the lungs, liver and heart. Likewise, they learn about the risks associated with alcohol misuse. They are taught a range of basic first aid and emergency procedures (including the recovery position) and learn how to contact the emergency services when needed. The children investigate how body types are portrayed in the media, social media and celebrity culture. They also learn about eating disorders and people’s relationships with food and how this can be linked to negative body image pressures.
Year 6	In year six, the children discuss taking responsibility for their own physical and emotional health and the choices linked to this. They learn about different types of drugs and the effects these can have on people’s bodies. The children learn about exploitation as well as gang culture and the associated risks therein. They also learn about mental health/illness and that people have different attitudes towards this. They learn to recognise the triggers for and feelings of being stressed and that there are strategies they can use when they are feeling stressed.

Sex Education	
Relates to item 9 within the Primary School RSHE Policy	
<p>Although it is not statutory to deliver sex education outside of the science curriculum at primary level, the DfE recommends that all primary schools should have a sex education programme in place. This should be tailored to the age, and physical and emotional maturity of pupils, and should ensure that pupils are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings, drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle.</p> <p>All pupils must be taught the aspects of sex education outlined in the primary science curriculum – this includes teaching about the main external parts of the human body, how it changes as it grows from birth to old age including puberty, and the reproductive process in some plants and animals.</p> <p>The school is free to determine whether pupils should be taught sex education beyond what is required of the national curriculum. At our school, we do teach pupils sex education beyond what is required of the science curriculum.</p>	

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Reception and Year 1	In EYFS, children are encouraged to think about how they have changed from being a baby and what may change for them in the future. They consolidate the names and functions of some of the main parts of the body and discuss how these have changed. They learn that our bodies change in lots of different ways as we get older. Children understand that change can bring about positive and negative feelings, and that sharing these can help. They also consider the role that

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	<p>memories can have in managing change.</p> <p>In year one, children are introduced to life cycles, e.g. that of a frog and identify the different stages. They compare this with a human life cycle and look at simple changes from baby to adult, e.g. getting taller, learning to walk, etc. They discuss how they have changed so far and that people grow up at different rates. As part of a school's safeguarding duty, pupils are taught the correct words for private parts of the body (those kept private by underwear: vagina, anus, penis, testicles, vulva). They are also taught that nobody has the right to hurt these parts of the body. Change is discussed as a natural and normal part of getting older which can bring about happy and sad feelings. Children practise a range of skills to help manage their feelings and learn how to access help if they are worried about change, or if someone is hurting them.</p>
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>In year two, children compare different life cycles in nature, including that of humans. They reflect on the changes that occur (not including puberty) between baby, toddler, child, teenager, adult and old age. Within this, children also discuss how independence, freedoms and responsibility can increase with age. As part of a school's safeguarding duty, pupils are re-taught the correct words for private parts of the body (those kept private by underwear: vagina, anus, penis, testicle, vulva). They are also reminded that nobody has the right to hurt these parts of the body, including a lesson on inappropriate touch and assertiveness. Children practise a range of strategies for managing feelings and emotions. They are also taught where they can get help if worried or frightened. Change is taught as a natural and normal part of growing up and the range of emotions that can occur with change are explored and discussed.</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>In year three, children begin learning about babies and what they need to grow and develop including parenting. Children are taught that it is usually the female that carries the baby in nature. This leads onto lessons where puberty is introduced. Children first look at the outside body changes in males and females. They learn that puberty is a natural part of growing up and that it is a process for getting their bodies ready to make a baby when grown-up. Inside body changes are also taught. Children learn that females have eggs (ova) in their ovaries and these are released monthly. If unfertilised by a male's sperm, it passes out of the body as a period. Sexual intercourse and the birth of the baby are not taught in this year group. Children discuss how they feel about puberty and growing up and there are opportunities for them to seek reassurance if anything is worrying them.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>In year four, bodily changes at puberty are revisited with some additional vocabulary, particularly around menstruation. Sanitary health is taught, including introducing pupils to different sanitary and personal hygiene products. Conception and sexual intercourse are introduced in simple terms so the children understand that a baby is formed by the joining of an ovum and sperm. They also learn that the ovum and sperm carry genetic information that carry personal characteristics. The Puzzle ends by looking at the feelings associated with change and how to manage these. Children are introduced to Jigsaw's Circle of change model as a strategy for managing future changes.</p>

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Year 5	<p>In year five, the children revisit self-esteem, self-image and body image. They learn that we all have perceptions about ourselves and others, and these may be right or wrong. They also reflect on how social media and the media can promote unhelpful comparison and how to manage this. Puberty is revisited in further detail, explaining bodily changes in males and females. Sexual intercourse is explained in slightly more detail than in the previous year. Children are encouraged to ask questions and seek clarification about anything they don't understand. Further details about pregnancy are introduced including some facts about the development of the foetus and some simple explanation about alternative ways of conception, e.g. IVF. Children learn that having a baby is a personal choice. Details of contraceptive options and methods are not taught as this is not age-appropriate. Reasons why people choose to be in a romantic relationship and choose to have a baby are also explored. Children look at what becoming a teenager means for them with an increase in freedom, rights and responsibilities. They also consider the perceptions that surround teenagers and reflect whether they are always accurate, e.g. teenagers are always moody; all teenagers have a boyfriend/girlfriend, etc.</p>
Year 6	<p>In year six, the children learn about puberty in boys and girls and the changes that will happen; they reflect on how they feel about these changes. The children also learn about childbirth and the stages of development of a baby, starting at conception. They explore what it means to be physically attracted to someone and the effect this can have upon the relationship. They learn about different relationships and the importance of mutual respect and not pressuring/being pressured into doing something that they don't want to. The children also learn about self-esteem, why it is important and ways to develop it. Finally, they look at the transition to secondary school (or next class) and what they are looking forward to/are worried about and how they can prepare themselves mentally.</p>

Delivery of the Curriculum	
Relates to item 10 within the Primary School RSHE Policy	
<p>Sex education will be delivered through the science curriculum and the PSHE curriculum.</p> <p>The curriculum is delivered proactively, such that it addresses issues in a timely way in line with current evidence on children's physical, emotional and sexual development. The school will ensure that all teaching and materials are appropriate for the ages of the pupils, their religious backgrounds, their developmental stages and any additional needs, such as SEND. Lesson plans will provide appropriate challenges for pupils and be differentiated for pupils' needs.</p> <p>Teaching of the curriculum reflects requirements set out in law, particularly the Equality Act 2010, so that pupils understand what the law does and does not allow, and the wider legal implications of the decisions they make.</p>	

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Pupils will be taught the facts and the law about sex, sexuality, sexual health and gender identity in an age-appropriate, inclusive and respectful way. We will endeavour to support all pupils to feel that the content is relevant to them and their developing sexuality.

We will ensure that LGBTQ+ content is fully integrated into the relationships and health curriculum, rather than delivered as a standalone unit or lesson. The school will ensure it is communicated to parents/carers and stakeholders that LGBTQ+ relationships and content are not inherently sexual in nature, and parents/carers do not have the right to withdraw their children specifically from lessons regarding LGBTQ+ issues.

Teachers will ensure pupils are aware of the expectation of them to participate sensitively and respectfully in class discussions of sensitive issues.

Teachers will stop full class discussions where pupils begin to reveal personal, private information related to sensitive issues. If teachers feel concerned about anything shared by a pupil, they will follow the appropriate response as laid out in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy. Any disclosures or concerns arising during RSHE lessons will be managed in accordance with the school's safeguarding procedures and reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Withdrawal from Lessons

Relates to item 14.1 within the Primary School RSHE Policy

As sex education is not statutory at primary level, other than what must be taught as part of the science curriculum, parents/carers/carers have the right to request to withdraw their child from all or part of the sex education curriculum.

The principal will automatically grant a parent's request to withdraw their child from sex education, other than the content that must be taught as part of the science curriculum; however, the principal will discuss the request with the parent and, if appropriate, their child, to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. The principal will discuss with the parent the benefits of receiving this important education and any adverse effects that withdrawal may have on the pupil – this could include, for example, social and emotional effects of being excluded.

The principal will keep a record of the discussion between themselves, the pupil and the parent. The parent will be informed in writing of the principal's decision.

Where a pupil is withdrawn from sex education, the principal will ensure that the pupil receives appropriate alternative education.