

TEMPLE SOWERBY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy

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Living for learning; learning for life.

Our Vision

At Temple Sowerby CE Primary School, our vision for the school community is rooted in a deep respect for our human, social, and cultural values, expressed in a caring Christian ethos. We aim to provide high academic standards and a wide range of experiences and opportunities. In doing so, we encourage all children to flourish by giving them the skills they need to become good citizens and to discover life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

RELATIONSHIP, SEX AND HEALTH EDUCATION (RSHE) POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy and also how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. As a result of this, Relationship Education is now compulsory in all primary schools in England as is Health Education.

This policy outlines Temple Sowerby CE Primary School's commitment to provide effective RSHE for all pupils. It has been written with regard to the Department of Education's RSHE guidance 2019, and other relevant guidance documents and statutory requirements. The RSHE teaching in this school contributes to our statutory duty to safeguard children and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life. RSHE is taught in an age-appropriate manner throughout the school.

2. WHAT IS RSHE?

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development.

We want to be able to provide children and young people with key building blocks of being physically and mentally healthy, understanding relationships, including online contact and good digital wellbeing.

Pupils will learn about the benefits and importance of having hobbies and interests, daily exercise, good nutrition and sufficient sleep, we also aim to give pupils the language and knowledge to understand the normal range of emotions that everyone experiences.

They will also cover healthy relationships, different families, respect, love and care, reproduction, puberty, hygiene, the body, how a baby is made and sexuality. There is often

concern that RSHE will encourage sexual experimentation. However, evidence shows that those who receive effective RSHE at school are more likely to delay first sexual activity.

In the primary school we are building the foundations of skills and knowledge that will be developed further at secondary level.

Through delivery of RSHE we aim to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Our key aim is to safeguard our pupils. Throughout their time at Temple Sowerby School, children will learn key knowledge skills to help then keep safe and embrace the challenges of creating a happy and successful life. To do this we aim to:

- To promote spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of young people at school, and help prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life;
- To enable young people to make responsible and informed decisions and to equip children with the necessary communication and decision-making skills;
- To develop and use communication skills and assertiveness skills to cope with the influences of their peers and social media;
- To help and support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development;
- To help young people to develop the skills and understanding they need to live confident, healthy and independent lives;
- To provide accurate information and help young people to develop skills to enable them to understand difference and respect themselves and others;
- To use respectful language which challenges sexism, homophobia and other forms of prejudice;
- To foster an understanding and acceptance that relationships can be formed in diverse and varied ways, for example, people of the same gender;
- To develop resilience and positivity when responding to influences that may affect body image;
- To respect and care for their bodies;
- To understand the importance of safe and stable relationships that promote respect, love and care.

4. CONTEXT

We teach RSHE in the context of the school's aims and values. While RSHE in our school means that we give children information about sexual behaviour, we do this with an

awareness of the values which underpin all out work in school. In particular, we teach RSHE in the belief that:

- RSHE is part of a wider social, personal, spiritual and moral education process;
- children should be taught to have respect for their own bodies;
- children should learn about their responsibilities to others, and be aware of the consequences of sexual activity;
- it is important to build positive relationships with others, involving trust and respect;
- is inclusive and as a school we should ensure that it is accessible to all children to promote understanding and respect.
- Personal beliefs and attitudes of teachers will not influence the teaching of RSHE

5. CONTENT

Details of the areas that must be covered in both key stages in the national curriculum is shown in *Appendix* 1.

RSHE will be taught in each year group throughout the school. The curriculum that is to be delivered is progressive, building the children's knowledge, understanding and skills year on year. As children progress through school, they will learn about:

EYFS and KS1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2		
 Relationships 	 Relationships 	Relationships		
My Body	My Body	My body		
 Life Cycles 	 Feelings 	Feelings and attitudes		
 Keeping safe and 	 Keeping safe and 	Life cycles/human reproduction		
looking after myself	looking after myself	Keeping safe and looking after		
 People who help me 	 Life cycles 	myself		
	People who help me	People who help me/getting		
		help and advice		

Further details of what is covered at each stage is shown in **Appendix 2**.

Assemblies will also be periodically used to address the whole school on major health issues, for example awareness of and countering cyber-bullying. There will be cross curriculum learning from many other subjects such as through the PE, computing and science curriculum.

6. ORGANISATION/DELIVERY

The identified person with responsibility for co-ordination is Mr Laithwaite. Lessons will be taught by staff and, in some cases, by specialist teachers (Mrs Hodgson, who has delivered Sex Education sessions for the Eden Rural Alliance cluster of schools for a number of years).

- ground rules will be set up in agreement with the pupils to help create and maintain a safe learning environment
- RHSE will be delivered on a rolling programme, following an online scheme and
 resources produced by Kapow Primary, running through from year 1 and revisited at
 different levels through the school.
- a variety of teaching methods will be used including: Circle Time, video, discussion and direct teaching.
- lessons will be taught in class groups where appropriate.
- although sex education is not compulsory in primary schools, we aim to offer a sex
 education programme which is tailored to the age and the physical and emotional
 maturity of the pupils. We aim to ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the
 changes that adolescence brings, including (drawing on knowledge of the human life
 cycle set out in the national curriculum for science) understanding how a baby is
 conceived and born.
- the sex education element of RHSE will be delivered for children in Year 5 and 6 by a specialist teacher. As outlined in section 10, parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education element.

7. INCLUSION OF CHILDREN WITH SEND

All pupils have an entitlement to a broad and balanced curriculum; RSE will be differentiated to enable all pupils

- to understand the relevance and purpose of learning activities,
- experience levels of understanding, success and achievement
- to gain knowledge and understanding which will promote healthy, safe lifestyles.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

Teachers/other professionals conduct sex education lessons in a sensitive manner and in confidence. However, if a child makes a reference to being involved, or likely to be involved in sexual activity, then the teacher/health professional will take the matter seriously and deal with it as a matter of child protection by referring it to the Designated Safeguarding Officer.

9. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The RSHE programme will be delivered in accordance with the school's Equality Policy.

Consequently, implicit in the school's curriculum, pupils will learn from an early age that there are many different types of 'family'. In KS2, pupils will be taught that the term 'relationship' may refer to two people of the same or different: gender, ethnicity, religion/belief, or ability/disability. The promotion of any type of relationship shall not occur.

10. RIGHT TO BE EXCUSED FROM SEX EDUCATION

We believe that RSHE should be a partnership with parents and carers. Parents will be consulted and informed about RSHE and will be informed when RSHE will take place in different year groups.

Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the sex education delivered as part of the statutory RSHE. However, Relationship Education and Health Education is compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education therefore there is no right to withdraw from Relationship or Health Education.

The headteacher will automatically grant a request to withdraw a pupil from any sex education delivered in primary school, other than what has to be covered as part of the science curriculum. However, the head teacher will discuss the request with parents and, as appropriate, with the child to ensure that their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. The head teacher will also discuss with parents the benefits of receiving this important education and any detrimental effects that withdrawal might have on the child.

11. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Monitoring of the RSHE Policy is the responsibility of the head teacher/RSHE leader and responsible governor.
- The school will assess the effectiveness of the aims, content and methods in promoting pupils learning by lesson observation, sampling teachers planning and feedback from parents.
- The effectiveness of the RSHE programme will be evaluated by assessing children's learning and implementing change if required.

12. TRAINING

Regular opportunities for staff update/review exist through:

- RSHE leader
- Observations
- Cumbria Healthy Schools
- Local Inset Network
- Online courses

REVIEW

This policy was reviewed in Spring 2020 and is due for a further review in Spring 2022

Appendix 1 – Content Covered

Relationships Education (Primary)

By the end of primary school:

	Pupils should know:
	• that families are important for children growing up because they can give love,
	security and stability.
	• the characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in
	times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the
Families and	importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives.
noonlo who care	• that others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look
people who care	different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and
for me	know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care.
	• that stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the
	heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up. • that marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two
	people to each other which is intended to be lifelong.
	 how to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe,
	and how to seek help or advice from others if needed
	Pupils should know:
	how important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how
	people choose and make friends.
	the characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness,
	trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and
	experiences and support with problems and difficulties.
	that healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not
Caring friendships	make others feel lonely or excluded.
	• that most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked
	through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting
	to violence is never right.
	how to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when a
	friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing conflict, how
	to manage these situations and how to seek help or advice from others, if needed
	Pupils should know:
	• the importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from
	them (for example, physically, in character, personality or backgrounds), or make
	different choices or have different preferences or beliefs.
	practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or
	support respectful relationships.
	• the conventions of courtesy and manners.
Respectful	• the importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness.
-	that in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with respect by
relationships	others, and that in turn they should show due respect to others, including those in
	positions of authority.
	• about different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to
	get help.
	what a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or
	destructive.
	the importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends,
	peers and adults
Online	Pupils should know:
relationships	

- that people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not.
- that the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-toface relationships, including the importance of respect for others online including when we are anonymous.
- the rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them.
- how to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met.
- how information and data is shared and used online

Pupils should know:

- what sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context).
- about the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they relate to being safe
- that each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact.
- how to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know.
- how to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult.
- how to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard.
- how to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so.
- where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources.

Health Education (Primary)

By the end of primary school:

Being safe

Pupils should know

- that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.
- that there is a normal range of emotions (e.g. happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, nervousness) and scale of emotions that all humans experience in relation to different experiences and situations.
- how to recognise and talk about their emotions, including having a varied vocabulary of words to use when talking about their own and others' feelings.
- how to judge whether what they are feeling and how they are behaving is appropriate and proportionate.
- the benefits of physical exercise, time outdoors, community participation, voluntary and service-based activity on mental wellbeing and happiness.
- simple self-care techniques, including the importance of rest, time spent with friends and family and the benefits of hobbies and interests.
- isolation and loneliness can affect children and that it is very important for children to discuss their feelings with an adult and seek support.
- that bullying (including cyberbullying) has a negative and often lasting impact on mental wellbeing.
- where and how to seek support (including recognising the triggers for seeking support), including whom in school they should speak to if they are worried about their own or someone else's mental wellbeing or ability to control their emotions (including issues arising online).

Mental wellbeing

	• it is common for people to experience mental ill health. For many people who do, the problems can be resolved if the right support is made available, especially if accessed early enough.
Internet safety and harms	 Pupils should know that for most people the internet is an integral part of life and has many benefits. about the benefits of rationing time spent online, the risks of excessive time spent on electronic devices and the impact of positive and negative content online on their own and others' mental and physical wellbeing. how to consider the effect of their online actions on others and know how to recognise and display respectful behaviour online and the importance of keeping personal information private. why social media, some computer games and online gaming, for example, are age restricted. that the internet can also be a negative place where online abuse, trolling, bullying and harassment can take place, which can have a negative impact on mental health. how to be a discerning consumer of information online including understanding that information, including that from search engines, is ranked, selected and targeted. where and how to report concerns and get support with issues online.
Physical health and fitness	Pupils should know • the characteristics and mental and physical benefits of an active lifestyle. • the importance of building regular exercise into daily and weekly routines and how to achieve this; for example walking or cycling to school, a daily active mile or other forms of regular, vigorous exercise. • the risks associated with an inactive lifestyle (including obesity). • how and when to seek support including which adults to speak to in school if they are worried about their health.
Healthy eating	Pupils should know • what constitutes a healthy diet (including understanding calories and other nutritional content). • the principles of planning and preparing a range of healthy meals. • the characteristics of a poor diet and risks associated with unhealthy eating (including, for example, obesity and tooth decay) and other behaviours (e.g. the impact of alcohol on diet or health).
Drugs, alcohol and tobacco	Pupils should know • the facts about legal and illegal harmful substances and associated risks, including smoking, alcohol use and drug-taking.
Health and prevention	Pupils should know • how to recognise early signs of physical illness, such as weight loss, or unexplained changes to the body. • about safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, and how to reduce the risk of sun damage, including skin cancer. • the importance of sufficient good quality sleep for good health and that a lack of sleep can affect weight, mood and ability to learn. • about dental health and the benefits of good oral hygiene and dental flossing, including regular check-ups at the dentist. • about personal hygiene and germs including bacteria, viruses, how they are spread and treated, and the importance of handwashing. • the facts and science relating to allergies, immunisation and vaccination.
Basic first aid	Pupils should know: • how to make a clear and efficient call to emergency services if necessary. • concepts of basic first-aid, for example dealing with common injuries, including head injuries.

Changing adolescent body	Pupils should know: • key facts about puberty and the changing adolescent body, particularly from age 9 through to age 11, including physical and emotional changes. • about menstrual wellbeing including the key facts about the menstrual cycle.

Appendix 2 – Progression in RHSE

A full breakdown of the Kapow Scheme of Work is shown below:

Kapow		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Families and friendships Health and wellbeing	Family	Understanding that families can include a range of people and how different members of a family are related to each other	Learning that families can be made up of different people Understanding that families offer care, love and support	Learning that problems can occur in families and that their is help available if needed	Understanding that families are varied, in the UK and across the world and having respect for these differences	Understanding that we all have different positive attributes and we should be proud of these Learning what marriage is and that it is a choice that people make Learning that sometimes families can make children feel unhappy or unsafe and that there is help available that there is help available.	
Safety and the changing body	Friendships	To begin to understand the characteristics of positive friendships Learning that friendships can have problems but that these can be overcome Exploring friendly behaviours	Understanding difficulties in friendships and action that can be taken	Exploring ways to resolve friendship problems Developing an understanding of the impact of bullying and what to do if bullying occurs	Exploring physical and emotional boundaries in friendships Exploring different roles related to bullying including victim, bully and bystander	Understanding that friendships will encounter issues but that this may strengthen them Understanding the impact of bullying and what might influence the behaviour of a bully	Learning that friendships can experience conflict, and ways in which to resolve conflict, through negotiation and compromise
	Respectful relationships	Learning to recognise how other people show their feelings and how to care for others Exploring the ability to successfully work with different people Understanding ways to help others	Learning how other people show their feelings and how to respond to them Exploring the conventions of manners in different situations Developing an understanding of self respect	Understanding what trust is and identifying who I can trust Learning about the effects of non verbal communication Developing listening skills Exploring stereotyping	Understanding expected courtesy and manners in a range of scenarios Understanding how my actions and behaviour affects others Understanding stereotyping	Learning how stereotypes can be unfair, negative and destructive	Learning what respect is and that it is part of a relationship Understanding that everyon deserves to be respected but that respect can be lost Understanding stereotyping and bullying linked to it
	Change and loss		Exploring how loss and change can affect us		Learning what bereavement is and how to help someone who has experienced bereavement		Understanding grief and the associated emotions To explore the process and emotions relating to grief

Kapow		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Families and friendships Health and wellbeing	Health and prevention	Understanding the importance of hand hygiene Understanding the risks of sun exposure and how to stay safe in the sun Developing an understanding of allergies and what to do if someone has an allergic reaction	Developing an understanding of how to look after my teeth		Developing independence in looking after my teeth	Understanding the risks of exposure to the sun and developing independence for protecting myself in the sun	Understanding ways of preventing illness and the benefits of immunisation Developing an understanding of possible signs of illness and some actions I can take
Physical health and wellbeing Safety and the changing body Mental wellbeing	Exploring health related jobs and people who help to keep us healthy Understanding the importance of sleep and positive sleep habits Exploring two different methods of relaxation; progressive muscle relaxation and laughter	Understanding the importance of exercise and its effect on the body Understanding when relaxation techniques can be useful and learning breathing exercises to aid relaxation	Developing the ability to plan for a healthy lifestyle with physical activity, a balanced diet and rest Understanding the positive impact of relaxation on the body and learning relaxation stretches Understanding what a balanced det is and the effects upon mental and physical health	Identifying what makes me feel calm and relaxed and learning visualization as a tool to aid relaxation. Undestanding the skills needed for different jobs and exploring how my skills can be used to undertake certain jobs and roles	Understanding the benefits of sleep and developing greater responsibility for ensuring good quality sleep to Understanding the relationship between stress and relaxation and exploring yoga as a technique for relaxation	Understanding that I have a responsibility to look after my overall health, including, diet, or all hygiene, physical activity, rest and relaxation. Understanding the factors which contribute to my physical and mental health I dentifying a range of relaxation strategies and situations in which they would be useful.	
	Mental wellbeing	Understanding my strengths and qualities Understanding and describing feelings and emotions	Recognising an increasing range of reelings and some strategies for managing different emotions Developing empathy identifying personal goals are to work towards them Exploring the need for perseverence and developing a growth mindset	Exploring my identity through the groups I belong to learning my strengths and exploring how I use them to helps others: - Understanding how to overcome problems by breaking them onto smaller, achievable steps	Understanding that it is normal to experience a range of emotions Developing the ability to appreciate the emittions of others in different situations others in different situations. Learning to take responsibility for my emotions and that I can control some things but not others. Developing an understanding of mental health including experiencing problems Developing a growth mindset, acknowledging that mistakes are useful to learning	Understanding what can cause atress and how to deal with it Exploring ways to schieve a goal, setting short-term, medium-term and long-term targets Developing the ability to take responsibility for and manage my feelings I dentifying how failure can make me feel, learning to manage those feelings and that fallure is an important part of success	Epplering my personal qualities and how to build on them cannot be considered to the

Kapow Primary		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Families and friendships Health and wellbeing Safety and the	Being safe (including online)	Understanding how to respond appropriately to adults in a range of settings Understanding what to do if I get lost Exploring potential hazards in the home and how to avoid these Understanding the roles people have within the local community to help keep me safe Developing an understanding of appropriate physical contact	Developing an understanding of being safe near roads and learning how to cross roads safely to the safe the safe safe safe safe safe safe safe saf	Understanding ways to keep safe when crossing and near roads Developing skills as a responsible digital citizen Recognising and responding to cyberbullying. Beginning to recognise unsafe digital content	Developing an understanding of being safe online Understanding how to seek help if I need to Exploring the difference between private and public of the difference between private and public understanding that age restrictions are designed to protect me Learning about the benefits and risks of sharing information online	Developing an understanding of how to ensure relationships online are safe Recognising an increasing number of online risks and ways to stay safe online	Developing an understandin about the reliability of online information Exploring online Estimate of the relationships including dealing with problems Understanding that online relationships should be rested in the same way as face to face relationships Knowing where to get help with any online problems
changing body	Drugs, alcohol and tobacco	Exploring what is and isn't safe to put in or on my body	Learning how to be safe around medicines	Exploring that people and things can influence me and I need to make the right decision for me Exploring choices and decisions that I can make	Understanding the risks associated with tobacco	Understanding the influence others can have on me Learning strategies I can use to overcome pressure from others	Understanding the risks associated with alcohol
	The changing adolescent body		Knowing the names of parts of my body		Developing an understanding of physical and emotional changes as I grow up	Understanding the physical changes from childhood to adulthood Developing an understanding of the main aspects of puberty, including menstrusiding Learning about the emotional changes during puberty	Knowing the changes experienced during puberty Understanding how a baby it conceived and develops
	Basic first aid	Understanding what classes as an emergency and how to make a call to the emergency services		Knowing how to call the emergency services Knowing how to respond to bites and stings	Knowing how to help someone with asthma	Knowing how to help someone who is bleeding	Knowing how to help someone who is choking Knowing how to help someone who is unresponsive

Appendix 3 – Guidance for Parents

Further information for parents can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812593/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf