

Markeaton Primary School RSE Policy 2020- Parent Consultation

Total responses: 72

FAQ

Has the RSE Policy taken children with special educational needs and/or disabilities into account? How will it be adapted?

'The school is committed to making reasonable adjustments wherever possible to promote accessibility and inclusivity of the curriculum. The school understands that pupils with SEND or other needs (such as those with social, emotional or mental health needs) are entitled to learn about relationships and health education, and the programme will be designed to be inclusive of all pupils. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and discussed with the parent/carer where necessary.

Teachers will understand that they may need to be more explicit and adapt their planning of work and teaching methods in order to appropriately deliver the programme to pupils with SEND or other needs.' **Markeaton RSE Policy (page 8)**

Can I withdraw my child from the RSE lessons?

'Parents' right to withdraw

*Parents **do not** have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education or the programme of study as part of the requirements of the science curriculum. The school will continue to teach the science curriculum as set out in the National Curriculum (see appendix 3 for objectives taught and terminology used). The changing of the adolescent body topics will be taught in mixed sex groups. Parents have a legal right to withdraw their children from dedicated 'sex education' lessons however we advise asking to see the teaching material before doing so.'*

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I see a lot about sex education being taught but not a lot about racial prejudice and race relations. Shouldn't this be a priority for the school?

Race relations and racial prejudice and discrimination is taught sensitively in the new RSE curriculum through our 'Relationships' and 'Living in the Wider World' curriculum strands. Additionally, this area is highlighted in the equality and diversity books we choose to deliver once per half term (see appendix 4, pages 16-19).

I am concerned that the lessons will cause my child great stress. I would like to know when it is being taught and more about the discussion entails so that I can anticipate their state.

RSE will be taught predominantly on Thursday mornings with additional content being delivered through other parts of our creative curriculum. This will be highlighted in the termly curriculum letters and can be seen in the RSE Policy appendix 4. For a more in-depth look at the teaching and learning materials, you can request these from the class teacher at any point.

I don't think the planned RSE curriculum covers emotional wellbeing.

Emotional wellbeing is covered within our 'Health and Wellbeing' curriculum strand of the RSE curriculum (see appendix 4, pages 17 and 18).

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I worry that Year 5 and Year 6 (Age 9-11) is too young to learn about sex. Can I see the teaching materials?

Yes, you may ask the class teacher to see the teaching materials before sex education is delivered to your child. This part of the curriculum will be highlighted on the termly curriculum letters and an additional letter will be sent out to parents in advance of the lessons to invite them in to view the teaching materials.

*'At our school, we **do** teach pupils sex education beyond what is required of the science curriculum including pressures / risks, making informed choices, human reproduction, pregnancy and birth, keeping 'secrets' and valuing myself (see curriculum overview in appendix 4). A wide range of teaching methods are used that enable pupils to actively participate in their own learning. This includes use of quizzes, case studies, research, role-play, video, small group discussion and use of appropriate guest speakers. Where it is regarded as particularly beneficial, pupils are divided into single gender groups for part of lessons or whole lessons. It is desirable that the class teacher and the TA or a member of staff well known to the children lead the sessions. If the teacher is absent it should not be undertaken by a short-term supply teacher.'*

In line with our school's safeguarding policy, if a child is at risk of sexual harm, additional actions will be taken to ensure children have the knowledge and skills to keep themselves and others safe.'

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There is little mention of same sex or transgender in here. Could there be more LGBTQ+ ? I see mention of marriage being for life but no mention that sometimes this doesn't work out.

This is taught within our 'Relationships' and 'Growing Up' curriculum strands. Additionally, these areas are highlighted within the equality and diversity books we deliver once a half term (see appendix 4).

We like to see pupils be taught a better understanding of their neuro-diverse counterparts. Disability should be covered in terms of physical and neuro diversity and how invisible disabilities can be overlooked.

This area is taught at an age appropriate level within our 'Difference and Diversity' curriculum strand (see appendix 4). As an inclusive school with a high proportion of children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, we take extra opportunities throughout the year to support the children in understanding the diversity between all people including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities and how to respect these differences.

Is language such as "cisgender" used accordingly - outlined is lesbian, gay and straight?

Yes, language relating to gender, sex and sexual orientation will be used accordingly and sensitively.

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The school should teach that violence is unacceptable in family and friendships; both towards and from the child.

Children are taught that violence in any form is unacceptable. This will also be taught in terms of family and friendships in our 'Relationships' curriculum strand. Signposting of support within these matters will also be highlighted to the children.