

#### Keir Hardie Primary School

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### Relationships, (Sex) and Health Education

### Year 4 Parent/carer Consultation Autumn 2020

# Purpose of this consultation



- Explain the requirements of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum.
- Reassure parents that their views are important and needed in the formulation of the policy for this subject.
- Share R(S)HE; draft policy, resources and unit plans that we will be using at Keir Hardie Primary School.
- Clarify some of the misinformation regarding the RSHE curriculum.

# Statutory requirements

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education Statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior



- Relationships Education and Health Education will be mandatory from Summer 2021 for all primary schools in England. The new regulations passed in April 2019.
- Sex Education is not compulsory until Secondary school. At Keir Hardie Primary School we teach this in Year 6 during the Summer term. A meeting is held with parents to share the lesson plans and resources that will be used to teach Sex Education. It is taught by trained staff, including the school nurse and in gender groups. Permission is given by parents before lessons are taught.

## Equality Act 2010 and schools

Departmental advice for school leaders, school staff, governing bodies and local authorities-May 2014



# Inclusive Relationships and Health education is student-sensitive Relationships and Health education

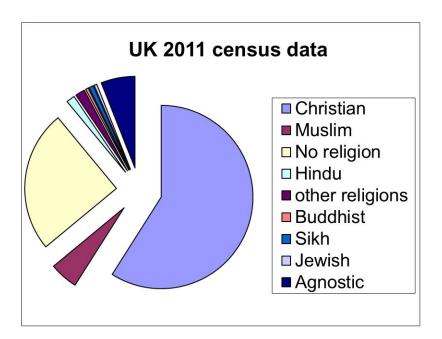
#### **Protected characteristics - 2010 Equality Act**

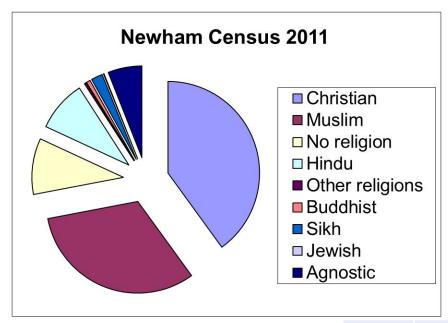
Age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation

Teaching should be based on facts and should enable pupils to develop an understanding of how the law applies to different relationships. Teachers must have regard to statutory guidance on sex and relationship education (now RSHE), and to meet duties under equality and human rights law (DfS. 2014)

### Newham and uk statistics







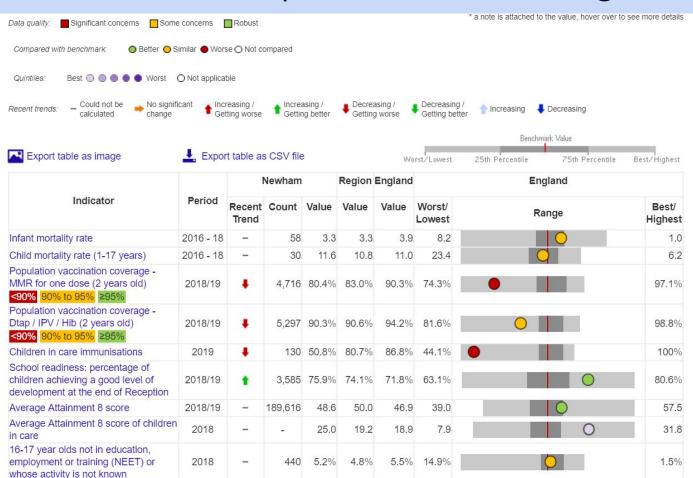
Christian	59
Muslim	5
No religion	25
Hindu	1.5
other religions	1.7
Buddhist	0.5
Sikh	0.8
Jewish	0.5
Agnostic	6

This shows the diverse nature of religions in Newham and the need to be sensitive to all faiths

Christian	40
Muslim	32
No religion	9.9
Hindu	9
Other religions	0.3
Buddhist	0.7
Sikh	2
Jewish	0.1
Agnostic	6

# Newham data (Public Health England):

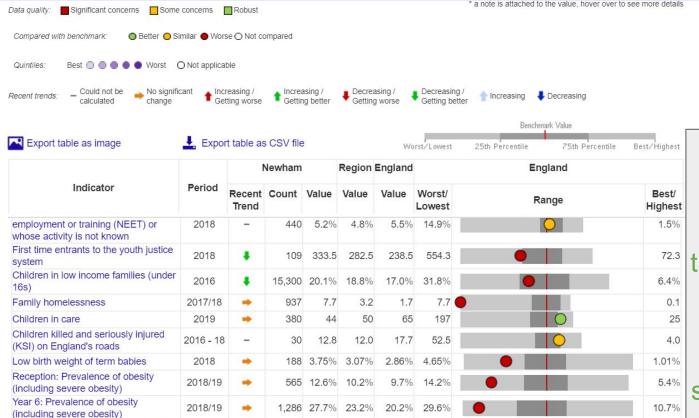




This identifies the importance of raising awareness of vaccines and immunisations in Newham

# Newham data (Public Health England):





432.9

418.0

23.3%

307.5

10.9

Children with one or more decayed.

Hospital admissions for dental caries

missing or filled teeth

(0-5 years)

2016/17

2016/17 -

18/19

This identifies the need to teach pupils in Newham to make the right choices, how to take care of their physical health and getting the right support when needed

12.9%

1.393.4

# Newham data (Public Health England):

Increasing /

Decreasing /

Increasing

Decreasing

No significant

Recent trends:





This identifies the need to teach pupils in Newham about taking care of their physical and mental health wellbeing and getting the right support when needed

# All schools must have a R(S)HE policy



Newham schools have received support and guidance from the Borough to produce a school policy.

#### The Borough has had extensive consultation on RSHE policy including the following:

- Consultation with 30 Governors who are Newham parents 0 Parents

LGBT+ community - Individuals, groups and teachers who identify as LGBT+

Councilors - Briefing and consultation with around 30

Teachers - 80+ attended training, 55 attended Network Meetings

Other places - Birmingham, Redbridge and Tower Hamlets

Governors & trustees - around 60 attended training at Education Space

Faith groups - 20 survey monkey responses and meeting held with 30 Imams

SACRE - 19 different individuals representing

Muslims Sunni and Shia

Christians Catholic and protestant

Hindu

0

0

0

Buddhist

Jewish Sikh

Humanist

Children Estimated numbers 180 pupils

SEND educational services 0

DfE and Ofsted

Head Teachers including Nursery Head Teachers

Young people's' Sexual health services

# Why is Relationships (Sex) and Health



# Education important?

The main purpose for R(S)HE is to safeguard our pupils. We want ALL our pupils to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain.

The units are designed to equip your child with knowledge, to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life.

The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated.

- these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

# Why teach Relationships Education?



To build positive and safe relationships, including family, friends and online.

In such an ever-changing world where young people are exposed to so much online content, they need to be taught how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.

The three key topics taught as part of Relationships Education are: families and friendships; safe relationships; and respecting ourselves and others. It will be taught in an age-appropriate way and we will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

# Year 4 overview for Relationships Education



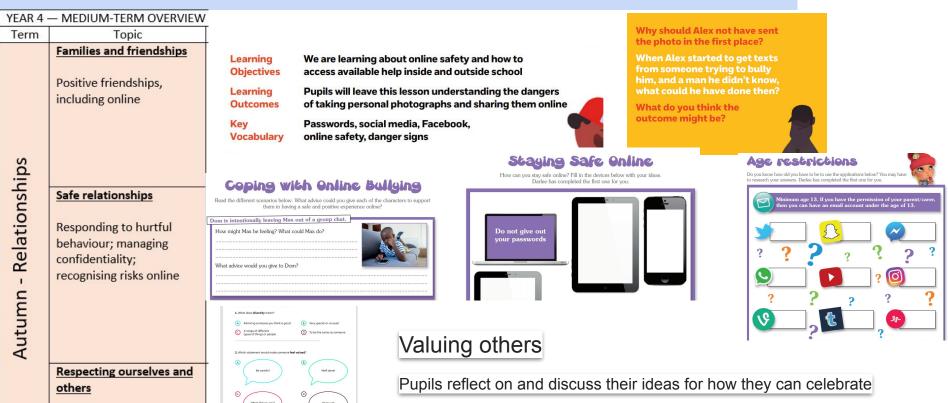
YEAR 4	YEAR 4 — MEDIUM-TERM OVERVIEW				
Term	Topic	In this unit of work, pupils will learn			
ips	Families and friendships  Positive friendships, including online	<ul> <li>about the features of positive healthy friendships such as mutual respect, trust and sharing interests</li> <li>strategies to build positive friendships</li> <li>how to seek support with relationships if they feel lonely or excluded</li> <li>how to communicate respectfully with friends when using digital devices</li> <li>how knowing someone online differs from knowing someone face to face and that there are risks in communicating with someone they don't know</li> <li>what to do or whom to tell if they are worried about any contact online</li> </ul>			
Autumn - Relationships	Safe relationships  Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online	<ul> <li>to differentiate between playful teasing, hurtful behaviour and bullying, including online</li> <li>how to respond if they witness or experience hurtful behaviour or bullying, including online</li> <li>recognise the difference between 'playful dares' and dares which put someone under pressure, at risk, or make them feel uncomfortable</li> <li>how to manage pressures associated with dares</li> <li>when it is right to keep or break a confidence or share a secret</li> <li>how to recognise risks online such as harmful content or contact</li> <li>how people may behave differently online including pretending to be someone they are not</li> <li>how to report concerns and seek help if worried or uncomfortable about someone's behaviour, including online</li> </ul>			
	Respecting ourselves and others  Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively	<ul> <li>to recognise differences between people such as gender, race, faith</li> <li>to recognise what they have in common with others e.g. shared values, likes and dislikes, aspirations</li> <li>about the importance of respecting the differences and similarities between people</li> <li>a vocabulary to sensitively discuss difference and include everyone</li> </ul>			

### Examples of resources for Year 4 Relationships Education

Respecting differences and similarities; discussing

difference sensitively





diversity and why this is important and work towards agreeing a class

pledge on valuing others, which can be put on display.

# Why teach Health Education?



To teach pupils the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

A firm foundation in the benefits and characteristics of good health and wellbeing will enable teachers to talk about isolation, loneliness, unhappiness, bullying and the negative impact of poor health and wellbeing.

The three key topics taught as part of Health Education are:

Physical and mental wellbeing; growing and changing; and keeping safe. It will be taught in an age-appropriate way and we will cover how to be healthy, physical and emotional changes and how to keep themselves safe.

## Year 4 overview for Health Education



	Physical health and	
	Mental wellbeing	to identify a wide range of factors that maintain a balanced, healthy lifestyle, physically and mentally     what good physical health means and how to recognise early signs of physical illness
	Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and	that common illnesses can be quickly and easily treated with the right care e.g. visiting the doctor when necessary
ng	dental care	<ul> <li>how to maintain oral hygiene and dental health, including how to brush and floss correctly</li> <li>the importance of regular visits to the dentist and the effects of different foods, drinks and substances on denta health</li> </ul>
and wellbeing	Growing and changing	how to identify external genitalia and reproductive organs
<u>e</u>	Physical and emotional	about the physical and emotional changes during puberty
3	changes in puberty;	key facts about the menstrual cycle and menstrual wellbeing, erections and wet dreams
Þ	external genitalia;	strategies to manage the changes during puberty including menstruation
ar	personal hygiene routines;	• the importance of personal hygiene routines during puberty including washing regularly and using deodorant
4	support with puberty	how to discuss the challenges of puberty with a trusted adult
Health		how to get information, help and advice about puberty
Ŧ	Keeping safe	
	Medicines and household products; drugs common	<ul> <li>how to recognise risk in everyday situations, e.g. road, water and rail safety, medicines</li> <li>how to help keep themselves safe in familiar and unfamiliar environments, such as in school, online and 'out and about'</li> </ul>
Summer	to everyday life	• to identify potential unsafe situations, who is responsible for keeping them safe in these situations, and steps they can take to avoid or remove themselves from danger
S		how to help keep themselves safe at home in relation to electrical appliances, fire safety and medicines/household products
		• about things that people can put into their body or onto their skin (e.g. medicines and creams) and how these can affect how people feel
		how to respond if there is an accident and someone is hurt
		• about whose job it is to keep us safe and how to get help in an emergency, including how to dial 999 and what
		to say

#### Examples of resources for Year 4 Health Education



#### Physical health and Mental wellbeing

Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care

#### Growing and changing

Physical and emotional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with puberty

#### Keeping safe

Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life











#### Learning objective

 To learn about the safe use of medicines and household products



#### Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson pupils will be able to:

- explain the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely
- identify risk in relation to the use of medicines and household products, and suggest what action to take to help prevent or minimise harm
- recognise sources of information and whom to ask for help with medicine safety







Next, pupils discuss the following two questions for their given scenario:

- What should the characters do now to prevent any further risk?
- . Who could help? Where could the person get more support or advice?

Stepping back 'into role', pupils role-play what the characters should do to prevent any further risk and identify who can help.

Some of the groups can show their role plays to the class. The class feedback on whether they think the characters did the right thing to help prevent any further risk and share further ideas.

#### Suggestions to support pupils' learning:

Franke, Sam and the inhale—prescribed medicines should not be shared, as the prescription (which medicine and how much they should take) may differ for individuals; one medicines are only prescribed to individuals, whereas others can be taken by anyone with that condition. Using someone else's inhaler may cause a bad reaction. This should only ever be done in an emergency and under the quidance of a trained adult or medical professional.
 Franke should move away from any triggers, sit up straight, try to remain calm and control her breathing. Sam should go and not be their.

## Myths



#### Clarification of some misinformation regarding the R(S)HE curriculum

#### Myth 1. 'Schools are teaching children to have sex'

As part of R(S)HE in some primary schools and as part of science in all secondary schools, children and young people are taught about human reproduction, but schools are not teaching or encouraging children or young people to have sex. Schools are giving them the skills and knowledge to make intelligent healthy decisions when they do decide to have sex, in line with their own morality, beliefs and their aspirations for their future. Research has shown (Sell 2019) that school is seen as a trusted source of R(S)HE for young people. It is important to give them the tools which mean they have the confidence and knowledge to say *no* to sex, or yes, or *not now, maybe in the future*. For some that may not be until they are married or much later in their life.

#### Myth 2. 'Schools are teaching children to masturbate'

We have had a leaflet handed out at schools in Newham saying this was happening. The organisation when challenged admitted they had no evidence this was going on in Newham and have now changed their leaflet and website accordingly. However, schools may talk about wet dreams and erections as part of puberty, especially for the boys who may become aware of these changes to their bodies but in year 6.

### Myths continued...



#### Myth 3. 'No-one considers a pupil's religious beliefs when teaching RSHE'

Schools should be mindful of all their pupils' backgrounds when teaching R(S)HE, whatever that may be. Newham, because of our commitment to respecting differing faith groups, as well as other backgrounds our pupils may have, has employed, as its R(S)HE advisor, someone who has completed an extensive research study, using the voices of young people to explore what constitutes good quality, faith- and student-sensitive R(S)HE. This research, carried out at UCL Institute of Education, fits well with the borough's commitment to faith-sensitive and student-sensitive R(S)HE and informs the borough's plans and training concerning R(S)HE. It is important that whilst faith is respected and also talked about in RSHE, so are other belief systems, and R(S)HE should be sensitive to pupils or students from all differing backgrounds.

#### Myth 4. 'Schools are promoting LGBT+ relationships'

Schools should not be advocating LGBT+ relationships over any other relationship. However, they will be talking about LGBT+ relationships and families in an age-appropriate way in R(S)HE. All people and loving families, including those who are LGBT+, have much to give society. Schools have a duty to present modern British society and educate children and young people about diversity, inclusion, and equality for all groups, including faith groups, as mentioned in the Equality Act 2010. Pupil- and student-sensitive R(S)HE can also be used to make sure other children and young people from minority groups not mentioned in the 2010 Act are included and valued too; children such as looked after children.

### Myths continued...



#### Myth 5. 'Schools are sexualising children at too young an age'

Schools need to think carefully about what they teach children and young people, making sure it is age appropriate. Knowing the context of our pupils' lives, what they see and hear around them, as well as keeping them safe, are big drivers for schools.

Safeguarding children and young people is a very important element of R(S)HE. An example of how schools can help children express themselves clearly is the use of accepted shared language, the words 'vulva' and 'penis' as external organs do not lead to a child understanding a sexual act, but does give them an easily understood, common vocabulary should they need to explain something in everyday life or something that has happened to them that they did not like. Parents/carers are of course able to use family names for various parts of their body at home, but in schools 'proper' or scientific words will be used.

### Next steps:



- Read Keir Hardie's draft R(S)HE policy
- Please complete the survey- questions and comments will be taken into account when finalising the R(S)HE policy.
- Parent consultation outcome will be shared with school governors, who will make the final decision regarding our R(S)HE policy.
- Agreed R(S)HE policy will be shared with staff and parents and made available on the school website