



This policy has been written in consultation with SLT and Teaching Staff and takes recommendations and guidance from

### **The Education Act 1996**

### **Sex and relationship Education guidance document 2000**

### **Children and Social Work Act 2017: statutory RSE**

Section 34 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 provides for relationships and sex education to be taught in all schools in England.

The Department for Education (DFE)'s provides the following information on the current position relating to sex and relationship education (SRE) in schools:

All maintained secondary schools must provide sex and relationships education as part of the basic curriculum, and must meet the requirements of National Curriculum Science

Sex and relationship education (SRE) is compulsory from age 11 onwards. It involves teaching children about reproduction, sexuality and sexual health. It doesn't promote early sexual activity or any particular sexual orientation.

The Government published statutory guidance on Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education in 2019 which comes into effect in September 2020.

### **Aims of Sex Education at Alt Bridge**

To recognise the developing sexual needs of all children and young people with learning difficulties according to their differing circumstances and sexual orientation.

To present facts in an objective and balanced manner so as to enable pupils to comprehend the range of sexual attitudes and behaviour in present day society.

To know what is, and is not, legal.

To consider their own attitudes and to make informed, reasoned and responsible decisions about the attitudes they will adopt both while they are at school and in adulthood.

To recognise the physical, emotional and moral risks of casual and promiscuous sexual behaviour and to understand that both sexes should behave responsibly in sexual matters. This includes STI's, sexting and the dangers of social media

To appreciate the benefits of stable relationships and family life and the responsibilities and challenges of parenthood.

To be aware of support and sources of advice both in School and in the wider community

## **Teaching the Sex and relationships**

Units in the PSHCE curriculum that look at Relationships are

**Year 11 pupils**    Parenthood

**Year 10 Pupils**    Sex and Relationships    and  
Media and Technology (staying safe)

**Year 9 pupils**    Equality and respecting difference

**Year 8 pupils**    Friendship / getting along with others

**Year 7 pupils**    Bullying / Peer Pressure

## **Parents' rights to withdraw a child from SRE**

Section 405 of the Education Act 1996 enables parents to withdraw their children from sex education other than the sex education that is in the National Curriculum (such as the biological aspects of human growth and reproduction that are essential elements of National Curriculum Science

Parents and carers are reminded of this right by a letter that is sent home before the October half term in Year 10. A copy of this letter is attached below

A copy of this policy is also available to parents free of charge on request.

## **Subject considerations**

Given the sensitive nature of SRE Teachers are careful to use age appropriate material such as video clips and worksheets and review content of material before it is shared with the class.

Lessons are delivered sensitively by experienced staff that are aware of the learning needs of pupils. Where possible groups will be rearranged to allow lesson delivery with same sex classes.

The delivery of the subject has benefitted from several extra curricular activities

Play Real choices performed for years 9,10, 11 in February 2020

Year 10/11 Play on one condition about Healthy relationships performed by the last minute Theatre company followed by group work sessions

Year 9 Chelsea's choice sexual exploitation play

This Policy was updated By Mr John Reynolds in March 2020

## COPY OF LETTER TO PARENTS BELOW

Sex Education at Alt Bridge School

DATE

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

After the half term pupils in Year 10 will begin Sex and relationship lessons in PSHCE. Topics will aim to prepare pupils for adulthood by giving them knowledge and information to help pupils to stay safe and make sensible choices. Lesson content will include promoting healthy relationships and will include issues to do with the risks of sex, consent, the Law, contraception and sexting.

Please be assured that lessons will be delivered sensitively by experienced staff that are aware of the learning needs of pupils. Where possible groups will be rearranged to allow lesson delivery with same sex classes.

Under education legislation I must inform you of your right to withdraw your youngsters from this element of the National Curriculum. Please contact the School in writing if you wish to do this.

I would be willing to discuss any concerns you have regarding this important aspect of the curriculum.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Reynolds

PSHCE Teacher