



SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (SRE) POLICY

This policy was adopted/updated by the Governing Body on:

Signed: 

Chair of Governors

The policy will be reviewed: **Autumn 2023**

Introduction

This policy has been developed with regard to the National Assembly for Wales Circular 11/02, the Personal and Social Education Framework (ACCAC, 2000) and the revised National Curriculum published 2008. SRE in school should also be viewed with regard to Healthy Schools initiatives in Wrexham, and the school's Personal and Social Education programme.

Aims

Effective SRE is essential if young people are to make responsible and well informed decisions about their lives. SRE aims to help pupils learn to respect themselves and others in order to move with confidence from childhood through adolescence into adulthood. SRE at Ysgol Rhiwabon aims to prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life, and enable them to develop considered attitudes, values and skills which influence the way they behave.

Definition of SRE

Sex and Relationships Education involves lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development.

Policy Elements

This policy will outline:

- how SRE is provided in school;
- the sources of guidance available to pupils
- the involvement of health professionals and external organisations in the sex and relationships programme
- other sources of help, advice and support for pupils, parents and staff

Procedures

SRE in the National Curriculum

The Key Stage 3 topic of reproduction includes **sexual reproduction** and this is included in the Year 7 science scheme of work. In addition to the biology of sexual intercourse, **IVF** is included in the scheme, as is an introduction to **contraception**. This course is designed to be delivered against the need for stable relationships and family life.

Sexual reproduction is not included in GCSE Science specifications.

SRE in PSE

The PSE Framework describes a continuity in SRE from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4.

PSE is delivered in specific sessions by Form Tutors, other teaching colleagues and outside agencies.

At Ysgol Rhiwabon this is delivered as follows:

- The year 7 PSE programme, delivered by teachers, includes the topics of **puberty and Appropriate Relationships**.
- In Year 9 a member of the school nursing team teaches pupils about **contraception**.
- The school staff deliver to Year 9 about **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)** and **Sexuality**. The year 10 PSE programme includes lessons on **teenage pregnancy and abortion**.
- **Sexuality and relationships** are included in the year 11 PSE programme, delivered by teaching staff.

SRE in RE

The RE syllabus is set by the Wrexham Area Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

- The year 11 RE syllabus contains a unit **on sex and relationships** which includes marriage, love, responsibilities, commitment, contraception.

Support

The circumstances in which pupils and parents need support with regard to SRE vary from the general to the specific and urgent. Regardless of the situation, support must always be sensitive and confidential (other than in child protection cases, where there is a clear policy and procedure which must be followed.)

Sources of support for students include:

- Teaching staff, especially Form Tutor, Lead Learner
- Pastoral Support Manager
- NSPCC counsellor
- Educational Social Worker
- School Nurse
- Youth Workers
- Plas Madoc Communities First (Venue Youth Club)
- Infoshop
- www.youngwrexham.co.uk
- Cefn Mawr Health Centre

Sources of support for parents include:

- Lead Learners, Form Tutors and Pastoral Support Manager
- Educational Social Worker
- Relate Family Counselling

Related Documents:

A strategic framework for promoting sexual health in Wales (Welsh Government)

Entitlement

Parents have a right to withdraw their children from all or part of sex and relationships education provided at school except for those parts included in the statutory National Curriculum.

Parents are asked to consult with school as early as possible if they have any concerns regarding SRE so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The Students' Committee of the Governing Body will review the policy annually.

Monitoring of SRE will be via Line Mangers for the relevant curriculum areas.

Sex and Relationships Advice

The Web

www.youngwrexham.co.uk Look at Health in the 'info' zone for any health worries.

School Nurse

The School Nurse is available via the school office, or in her office.

Your GP

Will see students in confidence on any health matter.