

Edmonton County Primary Phase

Health & Relationships Education

FAQs

1. *When will the new curriculum start?*

The new curriculum is compulsory from Summer 2021.

2. *What is covered in the new curriculum?*

Please see the website where you will find a Relationships Policy which outlines the coverage of the new curriculum. You can also find this information on the curriculum pages of the Primary website.

3. *What will this new curriculum be called in lesson times?*

The new areas of Health & Relationships Education will be called 'PSHE' at school as the children are used to this term. This stands for Personal, Social, Health & Economic Education'.

4. *Who will be teaching my child this content?*

Your child's class teacher will be responsible for delivering this aspect of the curriculum. For some subjects areas other professionals may be invited in such as nurses, doctors, religious community leaders etc.

5. *How often will these lessons take place?*

PSHE will take place every week as a stand alone lesson. However, some aspects of this curriculum may take place in lessons such as PE and Science.

6. *What can I withdraw my child from?*

Parents / Carers are NOT able to withdraw their child from any aspect of Health & Relationships Education. However, you are able to withdraw your child from Sex Education (apart from if it is part of the statutory National Curriculum for Science).

7. *Will my child be taught about LGBT relationships?*

Pupils should be taught about the society in which they are growing up. These subjects are designed to foster respect for others and for difference, and educate pupils about healthy relationships.

Pupils should receive teaching on LGBT content during their school years. Teaching children about the society that we live in and the different types of loving, healthy relationships that exist can be done in a way that respects everyone. Primary schools are strongly encouraged and enabled to cover LGBT content when teaching about different types of families.

8. *Will my child be taught sex education at Primary school?*

Sex Education is not compulsory for Primary Schools, however we are choosing to continue with our successful teaching of Sex & Relationships Education (SRE). This is delivered through a scheme of work called The Christopher Winter Project and is a progressive scheme from Y1-Y6. An overview for this can be found on the Relationships Policy Appendix as well as in the Curriculum section of the Primary Website. Parents / Carers have a right to withdraw from this and a form can be found attached to the Relationships Policy.

9. *Does the new Relationships Education and RSE curriculum take account of my faith?*

The subjects are designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain. As our school is multicultural, discussions and teaching will be sensitive to all, as they are in all of our classroom discussions. We take care to ensure that children are respectful of all faiths and beliefs.