



Bernards Heath Infant School

Sex and Relationships Education Policy

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**This policy has statutory status and has been written following Local Authority guidance.**

A key aim of the school is that each pupil will develop the skills and knowledge to make decisions. Decisions about how they relate to others can only be made if they have adequate knowledge and understanding of their own physical and emotional development. This is not a task for the school in isolation, and we seek to work with parents to ensure that the teaching of sex and relationships education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents will be informed about the teaching of sex and relationships education through the parent handbook so that they can decide whether or not to withdraw their child.

The Parent Handbook states that: Our aim in Sex and Relationships Education is to help children to cope with emotional and physical changes as they grow up. This is always achieved through themed learning and as it arises naturally in conversations.

#### **Who was consulted?**

Staff, governors and parents were consulted about this policy.

#### **Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors**

The **governing body** will:

- decide whether sex and relationships education should be in the school curriculum and, if so, what it should consist of and how it should be organised
- seek the advice of the headteacher on this policy, keep it up to date, and make it available to parents
- ensure that sex and relationships education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life.

The **headteacher** will ensure that:

- the governing body is advised about the nature and organisation of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school
- pupils are protected from inappropriate teaching materials
- parents are informed about sex and relationships education through the parent handbook.

**Staff** who teach sex and relationships education are expected to:

- provide learning activities in accordance with this policy and in a way which encourages pupils to consider the morals and value of family life
- draw to the attention of the headteacher any materials which they consider to be inappropriate
- respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from sex and relationships education.

This policy will be reviewed every two years.