

Sex Education Policy

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Rationale

Sex education involves:

- Knowledge of physical and biological changes from childhood into adulthood;
- An appreciation of what makes a healthy lifestyle;
- An awareness of consequences of sexual behaviour on the individual and the community in general.

Following the 1993 Education Act parents have the legal right to remove a child from sex education lessons which are not part of the Science curriculum. We would hope to produce a course that will be suitable for all our pupils thereby avoiding the need for any child to be removed from a session. Sensitive issues may be covered and if parents are concerned they should contact the school for further details.

Aims

- To provide factual knowledge of not only the physical and emotional changes occurring through puberty but also the full range of sexual matters;
- To foster the self-esteem of students and to develop their personal and social skills;
- To equip students to take part in responsible choice making as adults leading to a successful and fulfilling life;
- To provide students with an opportunity to explore, discuss and understand the social and moral issues within the broad context of sexual relationships;
- To develop a Sex Education programme in which students, teachers, parents and the community can share in the teaching and learning.

Strategy

The details of the programme are contained within the Scheme of Work for Health Education.