

Relationships and Health Education Parent Consultation

From September 2020 it is a statutory requirement that all schools in England and Wales are teaching Relationships and Health Education as a fundamental part of the curriculum. The RSE statutory guidance (2019) along with the SCARF support materials and staff training were used to inform our decisions about how we teach Relationships and Health Education.

At Britannia we believe that working in partnership with parents and carers is a crucial step in effectively meeting individual pupil needs and continuing to develop a curriculum offer that can help each pupil reach their potential.

Responses to this survey will help us to understand parent views and take these into consideration as we further update our curriculum offer to meet the new Relationship and Health Education requirements. Survey data will be treated confidentially. 100 parents responded to the survey.

1) I understand what the new Relationships and Health Education curriculum will cover in Primary Schools.

Yes 100%

No 0%

2) I would like to know more about what my child is learning in PSHE each year.

Yes 76%

No 24%

3) The information I have been provided with about Relationships and Health Education is clear.

Yes 96%

No 4%

4) I feel confident that I can speak to my child's class teacher or the PSHE subject leader about upcoming PSHE content.

Yes 99%

No 1%

5) I am pleased that my child will be learning about different aspects of relationships education, including family structures, friendship, bullying, teamwork, growing up, feelings, stereotypes and consent.

Yes 100%

No 0%

6) I am pleased that my child will be learning about different aspects of Health Education, including mental well-being, internet safety, physical health and fitness, healthy eating, health risks of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and changing adolescent body.

Yes 100%

No 0%

7) I feel confident answering my child's questions about relationships and growing up.

Yes 100%

No 0%

8) I know about my right to withdraw from Sex Education.

Yes 98%

No 2%

9) What do you think is an appropriate age to teach children about the correct names for body parts?

Reception- 38%

Year 1- 13%

Year 2- 7%

Year 3- 12%

Year 4- 9%

Year 5- 12%

Year 6- 9%

10) What do you think is an appropriate age to teach children about puberty?

Year 3- 20%

Year 4- 29%

Year 5- 39%

Year 6- 12%

High school- 0%

11) What do you think is an appropriate age to teach children about Human Reproduction (Sex Education)?

Year 3- 11%

Year 4- 13%

Year 5- 27%

Year 6- 35%

High school- 14%

12) Are there any Relationships and Health Education areas that you think should not be taught for different year groups and why?

Yes- 19% (Mainly concerns over Sex Education being taught too early)

No- 78%

Not sure- 3%

13) Are there any Relationships and Sex Education areas that you think is a priority to be taught to support your child? If yes, please specify areas that you feel are important.

Yes- 26% (Consent, respectful relationships, puberty, gender identity and being safe)

No- 74%

14) Please list any Relationships and Health Education Curriculum queries or areas that you would like further information to be provided on.

Yes- 9% (Information provided to parents as topics are covered, parents kept up to date with RSE lessons and content in school)

No- 91%

Key findings

- Parents understand what will be covered in PSHE at Britannia.
- Parents would like to be informed about upcoming units of work and given information about what will be taught so they are more prepared to support their children with their learning.
- The information given to parents about Relationships and Health education is clear and parents feel they are able to speak to relevant members of staff should they have concerns or queries.
- Parents are pleased about the PSHE content and how we will prepare children for life in the modern world.
- Most parents know about the right to withdraw their children from Sex Education lessons.
- 58% parents believe children should be taught the correct names for our body parts in Key Stage 1.
- 51% of parents believe children should be taught about puberty in Year 5 and 6. 100% of parents answered that children should be taught about Puberty by the time they leave primary school.
- 14% believe Sex Education should happen at high school and is not appropriate for primary age.

- Parents were mainly happy with the content of the curriculum and the age appropriateness of some lesson content. Those who expressed concerns were most concerned about Sex Education being taught too early.

The findings of this survey will now be taken into consideration by staff and governors. Our PHSE curriculum, content, lesson delivery and information provided to parents will be adapted appropriately.