

**Relationships Education,  
Relationships and Sex Education  
(RSE) and Health Education at  
Priors Hall – a learning community.**

**Year 1 Information**



# How do we structure our RSE lessons?

Our RSE content is taught through our PSHE lessons. We follow the Kapow scheme of work so our lessons are sequenced and progressive between the years.

The RSE content is distributed between 3 of our PSHE units:

**Family and  
relationships**

**Health and  
wellbeing**

**Safety and the  
changing body**



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We also deliver a myHappyMind lesson each week. This is a mental health and wellbeing programme which also covers the majority of the RSE statutory guidelines. Opportunities are therefore provided to revisit concepts to help reinforce the learning.



# Which RSE statutory requirements are we meeting in Year 1?

## Families and people who care about me:

- Families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability.
- The characteristics of healthy family life, commitment to each other, including in times of difficulty, protection and care for children and other family members, the importance of spending time together and sharing each other's lives.

## Caring friendships:

- How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends.
- The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties.
- That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded.



# Which RSE statutory requirements are we meeting in Year 1?

## Respectful relationships:

- Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships.
- The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness.
- What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive.

## Being safe:

- Each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact.
- How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts) who they do not know.
- How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult.
- How to ask for advice or help for self and for others, and to keep trying until they are heard, including having the vocabulary and confidence to report concerns or abuse.



# How is RSE covered in our units?

## Families and relationships:

- Exploring how families can be different.
- Characteristics and impact of positive friendships.
- Learning that issues can be overcome.
- People show feelings differently.
- Issues around stereotyping.

## Safety and the changing body:

- Learning how to respond to adults in different situations.
- Distinguishing appropriate and inappropriate physical contact.

## Health and wellbeing:

- Exploring personal qualities.
- Strategies to manage feelings.



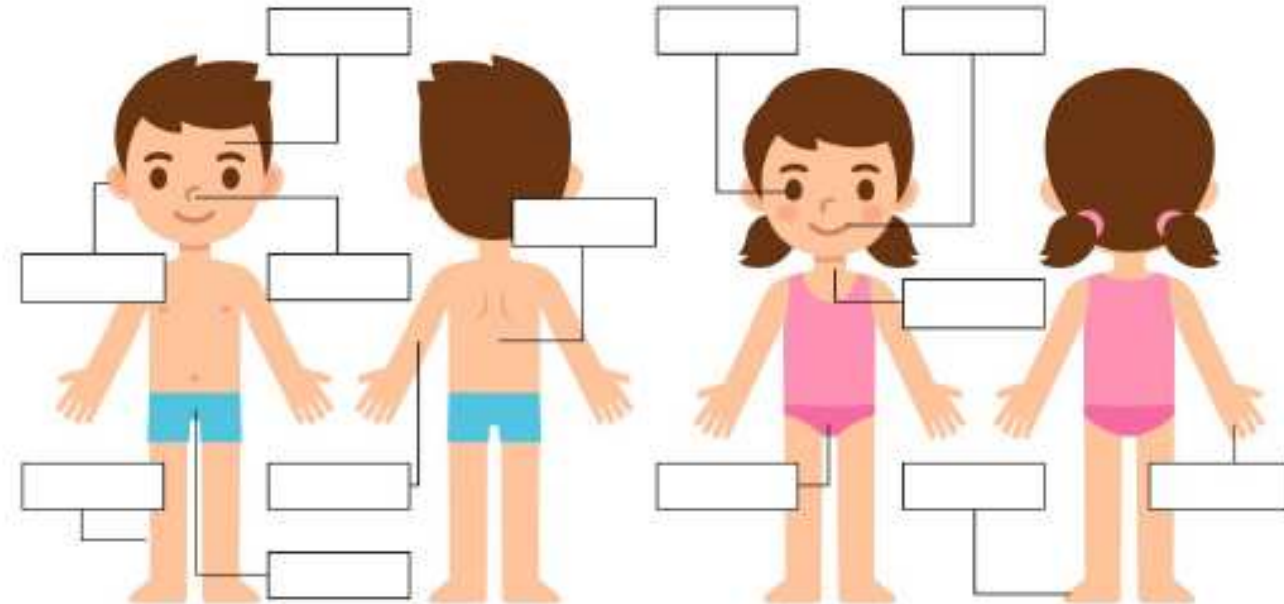
# How is my child taught about puberty and human reproduction?

Each year group will be taught at an appropriate level for their age and developmental stage, building on the previous years' learning.

Children of ages 5-6 are taught:

- Acceptable and unacceptable physical contact.
- The differences between boys' and girls' bodies.
- Scientific names for body parts (mixed-age lessons will also include the teaching of the following body part names: testicles, penis, vulva and vagina).

All lessons are taught using the correct, scientific terminology, child-friendly language and diagrams.



# Top Tips: How to help at home

- Listen to your child's joys, concerns and worries without judgement and spend time with them talking about life in and outside of school.
- Model the appropriate language for body parts, reinforcing the terminology taught within school.
- Remind children that appropriate contact should make a person feel cared for and important. Explain that it might also include touch that hurts or is uncomfortable, but these instances should only be to keep the person safe and healthy (e.g. getting an injection, or pulling someone back from a passing car).
- Encourage children to communicate any unwanted touches. For example, respect their wishes if they say they do not want to be kissed, cuddled or tickled, or ask someone to stop. Showing children that their boundaries are respected is an important part of them understanding how to respect others.





# Frequently Asked Questions

Who can my child talk to if they are worried about anything they have learnt?

Every child at Priors Hall has completed a 'Supportive 5' where they have identified 5 trusted adults within the school. Children can talk to any of these adults.

Can children be withdrawn from RSE?

RSHE content is statutory and there is no right to withdraw for parents. The only aspects parents have the right to withdraw children from is sex education. There are two lessons to which this applies: both lessons are taught in year 6 and they cover the science of conception, pregnancy and birth.



# Who can I talk to about RSE at Priors Hall?

Please contact the class teacher on Class Dojo or contact the Personal Development lead, Mrs Barratt, on [katiebarratt@priorshallalc.com](mailto:katiebarratt@priorshallalc.com)

