

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

Year 5 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 5?

Families and people who care about me:

- Others' families, either in school or in the wider world, sometimes look different from their family, but that they should respect those differences and know that other children's families are also characterised by love and care for them.
- Marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong.
- How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed.



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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.
- Most friendships have ups and downs, and that these can often be worked through so that the friendship is repaired or even strengthened, and that resorting to violence is never right.

Respectful relationships:

- The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness.
- About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders (primarily reporting bullying to an adult) and how to get help.
- What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive.



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Online relationships:

- The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them.
- How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met.

Being safe:

- 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:

- Developing an understanding of families, including marriage, of what to do if someone feels unsafe in their family.
- Issues can strengthen a friendship.
- Exploring the impact of bullying and what influences a bully's behaviour.
- Learning to appreciate our attributes.

Safety and the changing body:

- Exploring the emotional and physical changes of puberty, including menstruation.
- Learning about online safety, influence.
- Strategies to overcome potential dangers.



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 aged 9-10 will learn about:

- The menstrual cycle and other changes that happen during puberty.
- Emotional changes that occur during puberty.

Label or draw on Figure 1 to show some of the hygiene issues someone going through puberty might experience e.g. greasy hair, spots, smelling differently.

Label or draw on figure 2 what someone could do to help address these issues e.g. washing their hair more often, showering frequently and using deodorant.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Top Tips: How to help at home

- Make time and space to be able to give your child your full attention to share stories, have discussions and work through challenges.
- Explain that everyone is human and makes mistakes. Model effective ways to deal with difficult situations (e.g. calming down, saying you are sorry, explaining that you recognise you made a mistake and what you'll do to make sure it doesn't happen again). They will learn from you that it's okay to make mistakes, build resilience and identify healthy ways to cope with emotions.
- Find ways to include your child in decision-making processes. This can help children feel that they are heard and valued. Something as simple as asking them whether they think you should prepare rice or pasta for dinner can show them they have a voice and give them the confidence to use it.



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

