



ST ETHELBERT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Relationships and Health Education 2020-2022

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Relationships and Health Education (RHE) Policy

School Mission

St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is a faith community built upon the Gospel values of love, compassion, mercy and trust.

We are proud of our work with our pupils and families and our mission statement 'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus' is the foundation on which our work is planned and delivered.

As a school we aim to:

- Recognise the unique gifts and talents that each of our pupils has been given by God, developing these to ensure that each individual reaches the very best of their potential
- Build on the links between school, church and parish, so that each pupil's faith journey is nurtured and developed as they move through the school
- Support each pupil to understand their responsibilities to others as members of a faith community, and, as a global citizen, to the world that God has created

Vision for Relationships and Health Education

At St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School, we are inspired by Jesus to be the very best we can be. We look after one another and show respect and love through our relationships with one another. This is about understanding how loving our neighbour enables us to be fulfilled too. Therefore, having a good relationship with ourselves and the other people in our lives makes us grow and flourish and we respect that everyone is a unique and important part of God's creation. We are all children of God, called to grow in love for Him through the person of Jesus Christ and to spread the Good News through our thoughts, actions and words.

As Catholic educators we have a duty to prepare our pupils for the demands of modern life, and to ensure they have the appropriate knowledge and emotional skills to navigate the challenges that they will face as they grow and move from primary education into the next phase. Our moral duty is to develop and grow purposeful, confident, socially responsible young people who will become the adult role models of the future.

The RHE Policy

The following groups have been consulted as part of producing this policy: -

- Staff
- Governing Body
- Parents
- Diocesan Education Service

In consultation with the local Academy Committee, the policy will be implemented in September 2020 and reviewed every two years by the Head teacher, RHE Co-ordinator, the Academy Committee, staff and pupils.

The next review date is September 2022.

The policy will be circulated to all members of the Academy Committee and all members of staff. A full copy of the policy is available on the school website, and paper copies can be provided to parents on request.

The Diocesan Director of Education/Director of RE will be sent a copy of the school's RHE policy and it is the duty of the Academy Committee to ensure that this is kept up to date

Rationale and Definition of RHE

At St Ethelbert's we use the term 'relationship and health education' as we believe growing a happy and fulfilled life is our aim for our pupils. The defining belief of Christianity is that we are formed in the image of God, and that we have been endowed with an extraordinary human dignity and unique characteristics that make us all special and worthy of all the gifts that life can provide. To this end, our pupils need to understand their own human worth, and that of others. In line with the teachings of the Church on relationships, family life, marriage and sex, we promote an ethos of love, care and acceptance of others.

Catholic education teaches children about the dignity of human life, the importance of caring for others and for respecting oneself. In the 21st Century, keeping safe is a key priority for children, in relationships with friends and family, and online. Themes such as stages in the human life cycle, body changes, managing emotions, making choices, respecting others, recognising risky behaviours and accepting oneself are ways in which pupils are taught how to be physically and emotionally healthy at an age-appropriate level, and with the Gospel values firmly underpinning the teaching.

As children mature, we encourage them to follow the example of Jesus and live lives inspired by the Gospel virtues, enabling them to follow His commandment to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31). This is the basis for all relationships in our school. Teaching about relationships in our schools is supported by a range of resources such as

The DFE guidance defines RHE as "lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development. It is about the understanding of the importance of marriage and family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care. It is also about the teaching of sex, sexuality and sexual health". It is about the development of the pupil's knowledge and understanding of her or him as a sexual being, about what it means to be fully human, called to live in right relationships with self and others and being enabled to make moral decisions in conscience. The DFE identifies three main elements: "attitudes and values, personal and social skills, and knowledge and understanding"

Inclusion

St Ethelbert's ensure that the teaching of RHE is sensitive to the different needs of individual pupils and is taught in a way that allows access to those pupils at different stages of cognitive and emotional development. Learning and teaching methods may need to be adapted and specialist resources and training may need to be provided for those with particular needs. Children with special educational needs and disabilities are not at any point withdrawn from RHE because of lack of resources and training or to catch up in other subjects.

Cross-curricular

Since a Catholic school is committed to the education of the whole person, teaching on relationships and sexuality will be reflected in each relevant part of the curriculum. Whilst, for example, some aspects of RSE will be more appropriately explored in science lessons and some more appropriately explored in RE lessons, each will be informed by the other. Each discipline will speak with consistency about the meaning of human love and the virtues that are enshrined in the Church's teaching on human love

Balanced

Whilst promoting Catholic virtues, pupils are offered a broad and balanced RHE programme which provides them with clear factual, scientific information when relevant and meets the statutory requirements placed on schools

Christian Virtue and RHE

Each theme begins with a statement of the virtues which are necessary to living well in relationship with others and these virtues should underpin the teaching but also should emerge as a consequence of it. Virtues are habits which are learned from experience and are gained through imitation, the same virtues being modelled by those who teach. They express the qualities of character that schools should seek to develop in their pupils, through their exemplification by the whole community of which the pupils are a part. These virtues reflect our Christian tradition but they are also, of course, fundamental human virtues which are universally shared.

Theme 1: Created and Loved by God

	EYFS and KS1	KS2
Education in virtue	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 1.1.1.1. Respectful of their own bodies and character 1.1.1.2. Appreciative for blessings 1.1.1.3. Grateful to others and to God 1.1.1.4. Patient when they do not always get what they want	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 2.1.1.1. Respectful of their own bodies, character and giftedness 2.1.1.2. Appreciative for blessings 2.1.1.3. Grateful to others and to God 2.1.1.4. Self-disciplined and able to delay or forego gratification for the sake of greater goods 2.1.1.5. Discerning in their decision making 2.1.1.6. Determined and resilient in the face of difficulty 2.1.1.7. Courageous in the face of new situations and in facing their fears
Religious understanding of the human person: loving myself	Pupils should be taught: 1.1.2.1. We are made by God and are special 1.1.2.2. We are all God's children 1.1.2.3. Ways of expressing gratitude to God 1.1.2.4. About the sacrament of Baptism	Pupils should be taught: 2.1.2.1. We are special people made in the image and likeness of God 2.1.2.2. We are children of God with an innate dignity 2.1.2.3. God has created us for a purpose (vocation) 2.1.2.4. Life is precious and their body is God's gift to them 2.1.2.5. Prayer and worship are ways of nourishing their relationship with God 2.1.2.6. Sacraments often coincide with different natural stages in life, for example Baptism often occurs near birth for Catholics

	Pupils should be taught:	Pupils should be taught:							
	Me	Me							
	1.1.3.1. We are all unique individuals	2.1.3.1. Everyone expresses their							
	1.1.3.2. We all have individual gifts,	uniqueness in different ways and that							
	talents and abilities	being different is not always easy							
	My body	2.1.3.2. Strategies to develop self-							
	1.1.3.3. The names of the external parts	confidence and self-esteem							
	of the body	2.1.3.3. Each person has a purpose in							
th	1.1.3.4. The similarities and differences	the world							
əal	between girls and boys	2.1.3.4. That similarities and differences							
, h	My Health	between people arise from several							
Me, my body and my health	1.1.3.5. How to maintain personal	different factors (See protected							
ρι	hygiene	characteristics of the Equality Act 2010,							
ar	1.1.3.6. What constitutes a healthy life-	Part 2, Chapter 1, sections 4-12)							
dy	style, including physical activity, dental	My body							
po	health and healthy eating	2.1.3.5. Their body will change and							
ny	, 3	develop as they grow							
e, r		2.1.3.6. About the growth and							
Me		development of humans and the							
		changes experienced during puberty							
		2.1.3.7. The names of the main parts of							
		the body, including identifying and							
		correctly naming genitalia (e.g. penis							
		and vagina)							
		My health							
		2.1.3.8. How to make informed choices							
		that have an impact on their							
	Pupils should be taught:	Pupils should be taught:							
	Emotional well-being	Emotional well-being							
	1.1.4.1. That we all have different likes	2.1.4.1. Their emotions may change as							
	and dislikes	they approach and as they grow and							
de	1.1.4.2. A language to describe feelings	move through puberty							
itu	Attitudes	2.1.4.2. To extend their vocabulary to							
-being and attitude	1.1.4.3. A basic understanding that	deepen their understanding of the range							
pu	feelings and actions are two different	and intensity of their feelings							
j al	things	2.1.4.3. What positively and negatively							
ing	1.1.4.4. Simple strategies for managing	affects their physical, mental and							
-pe	feelings and behaviour	emotional health (including the media)							
ell-	1.1.4.5. That choices have	2.1.4.4. To recognise how images in the							
×	consequences	media do not always reflect reality and							
na		can affect how people feel about							
tio		themselves							
Emotional well		Attitudes							
Ü		2.1.4.5. That some behaviour is							
		unacceptable, unhealthy or risky 2.1.4.6.							
		Strategies to build resilience in order to							
		identify and resist unacceptable							

identify and resist unaccep pressure from a variety of sources

resist unacceptable

	Pupils should be taught: Pupils should be taught:						
	Life cycles	Life cycles					
Life cycles and fertility	Life cycles 1.1.5.1. That there are life stages from birth to death	2.1.5.1. How a baby grows and develops in its mother's womb 2.1.5.2. To recognise the differences that occur at each stage of a human being's development (including childhood, adolescence, adulthood, older age) Fertility					
Life cyc		2.1.5.3. The nature and role of menstruation in the fertility cycle 2.1.5.4. How human life is conceived in					
		the womb, including the language of sperm and ova					

Theme 2: Created to love others

	EYFS and KS1	KS2		
Education in virtue	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 1.2.1.1. Friendly, able to make and keep friends 1.2.1.2. Caring, attentive to the needs of others and generous in their responses 1.2.1.3. Respectful of others, their uniqueness, their wants and their needs 1.2.1.4. Forgiving, able to say sorry and not hold grudges against those who have hurt them 1.2.1.5. Courteous, learning to say, "please" and "thank you" 1.2.1.6. Honest, able to tell the difference between truth and lies	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 2.2.1.1. Loyal, able to develop and sustain friendships 2.2.1.2. Compassionate, able to empathise with the suffering of others and the generosity to help others in trouble 2.2.1.3. Respectful, able to identify other people's personal space and respect the ways in which they are different 2.2.1.4. Forgiving, developing the skills to allow reconciliation in relationships 2.2.1.5. Courteous in their dealings with friends and strangers 2.2.1.6. Honest, committed to living truthfully and with integrity		
Religious understanding of human relationships: loving others	Pupils should be taught: 1.2.2.1. We are part of God's family 1.2.2.2. All families are important 1.2.2.3. That saying sorry is important and can help mend broken friendships 1.2.2.4. Jesus cared for others 1.2.2.5. That we should love other people in the same way Jesus loves us	Pupils should be taught: 2.2.2.1. Christians belong to the Church family which includes the school, parish and diocese 2.2.2.2. Families are the building blocks of society and where faith, wisdom and virtues are passed onto the next generation 2.2.2.3. The importance of forgiveness and reconciliation in relationships and some of Jesus' teaching on forgiveness 2.2.2.4. The sacrament of marriage involves commitment and selfgiving. It is a formal, lifelong commitment		

Pupils should be taught: Pupils should be taught: 1.2.3.1. The characteristics of positive 2.2.3.1. How to maintain positive and negative relationships relationships and strategies to use when 1.2.3.2. To identify special people (e.g. relationships go wrong 2.2.3.2. There are different types of family, carers, friends) and what makes them special relationships including those between 1.2.3.3. There are different family acquaintances, friends, relatives and family structures and these should 2.2.3.3. Marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment 2.2.3.4. For respected 1.2.3.4. Families should be a place of the Church, marriage has a special love, security and stability. significance as one of the sacraments 1.2.3.5. The importance of spending time 2.2.3.5. The characteristics of a healthy Personal Relationships with your family family life. 1.2.3.6. How their behaviour affects 2.2.3.6. How to make informed choices in other people and that there are relationships and that choices have appropriate and inappropriate positive, neutral and negative behaviours consequences 1.2.3.7. To recognise when people are 2.2.3.7. An awareness of bullying being unkind to them and others and (including cyber-bullying) and how to how to respond respond 1.2.3.8. Different types of teasing and 2.2.3.8. About harassment and exploitation which bullying wrong relationships, including physical, are unacceptable emotional and sexual abuse and how to respond 2.2.3.9. To recognise and manage risk, to develop resilience and learn how to cope with "dares" and other ways in which people can be pressurised 2.2.3.10. About changes that can happen in life, e.g. loss, separation, divorce and bereavement and the emotions that can accompany these changes Pupils should be taught: Pupils should be taught: **Keeping safe** Keeping safe 1.2.4.1. To recognise safe and unsafe 2.2.4.1. To recognise their increasing situations and ways of keeping safe, independence brings increased including simple rules for keeping safe responsibility to keep themselves and Keeping safe and people who can help me online others safe 1.2.4.2. To use simple rules for resisting 2.2.4.2. How to use technology safely pressure when they feel unsafe or 2.2.4.3. That not all images, language and behaviour are appropriate uncomfortable 1.2.4.3. The difference between good 2.2.4.4. To judge what kind of physical and bad secrets contact is acceptable or unacceptable and 1.2.4.4. Identifying and correctly name how to respond their "private parts" 2.2.4.5. Importance of seeking and giving (see NSPCC resource PANTS) for the purposes of permission in relationships People who can safeguarding them sexual help me from exploitation 2.2.4.6. That there are a number of 1.2.4.5. Importance of seeking and different people and organisations they can giving permission in relationships. go to for help in different situations and how People who can help me to contact them 2.2.4.7. How to report and get help if they 1.2.4.6. Who to go to if they are worried inappropriate materials or need help encounter 1.2.4.7. That there are a number of messages different people and organisations they 2.2.4.8. To keep asking for help until they can go to for help in different situations are heard

Theme 3: Created in community (local, national and global)

	EYFS and KS1	KS2			
Education in virtue	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 1.3.1.1. Just and fair in their treatment of other people, locally, nationally and globally 1.3.1.2. People who serve others, locally, nationally and globally 1.3.1.3. Active in their commitment to bring about change	In a Catholic school, pupils are growing to be: 2.3.1.1. Just, understanding the impact of their actions locally, nationally and globally 2.3.1.2. Self-giving, able to put aside their own wants in order to serve others locally, nationally and globally 2.3.1.3. Prophetic in their ability to identify injustice and speak out against it locally, nationally and globally			
Religious underst anding of the importance of human communities	Pupils should be taught: 1.3.2.1. That God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit 1.3.2.2. Some scripture illustrating the importance of living in community 1.3.2.3. Jesus' teaching on who is my neighbour	Pupils should be taught: 2.3.2.1. God is Trinity – a communion of persons 2.3.2.2. The key principles of Catholic Social Teaching 2.3.2.3. The Church is the Body of Christ			
Living in the wider world	Pupils should be taught: 1.3.3.1. That they belong to various communities such as home, school, parish, the wider local community and the global community 1.3.3.2. That their behaviour has an impact on the communities to which they belong 1.3.3.3. That people and other living things have needs and that they have responsibilities to meet them; 1.3.3.4. About what harms and improves the world in which they live 1.3.3.5. How diseases are spread and can be controlled and the responsibilities they have for their own health and that of others e.g. washing hands	and universal rights (e.g. honour-based violence and forced marriage, human trafficking etc.) 2.3.3.2. That actions such as female genital mutilation (FGM) constitute abuse, are crimes and how to get support if they have fears for themselves or their peers 2.3.3.3. That bacteria and viruses can affect health and that following simple routines and medical interventions can reduce their spread 2.3.3.4. About the range of national,			

Statutory Framework

Schools are required to comply with relevant requirements of the Equality Act 2010

By the end of Primary School, children should know:

Families and people who	Pupils should know			
care for me	that 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.			
	• that 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.				
• that stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types,				
	at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security			
	as they grow up.			

	 that 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
Caring friendships	Pupils should know
	• 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.
	that 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.
	how to recognise who to trust and who not to trust, how to judge when
	a friendship is making them feel unhappy or uncomfortable, managing
	conflict, how to manage these situations and how to seek help or
	advice from others, if needed.
Respectful relationships	Pupils should know
Nespectial relationships	the importance of respecting others, even when they are very
	different from them (for example, physically, in character, personality
	or backgrounds), or make different choices or have different
	preferences or beliefs.
	practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to
	improve or support respectful relationships.
	the conventions of courtesy and manners.
	the importance of self-respect and how this links to their own
	happiness.
	that in school and in wider society they can expect to be treated with
	respect by others, and that in turn they should show due respect to
	others, including those in positions of authority
	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.
	• the importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with
	friends, peers and adults.
Online relationships	Pupils should know
•	• that people sometimes behave differently online, including by
	pretending to be someone they are not.
	• that the same principles apply to online relationships as to face-to-
	face relationships, including the importance of respect for others online
	including when we are anonymous.
	• 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.
	how information and data is shared and used online.
Being safe	Pupils should know
	what sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers
	and others (including in a digital context).
	about the concept of privacy and the implications of it for both children
	and adults; including that it is not always right to keep secrets if they
	relate to being safe.
	• that 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, including online) whom 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 themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard.
• how to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence
needed to do so.
where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources

Resources

A range of resources are used in planning the RHE curriculum.

- RE teaching following the 'Come and See' scheme covers many aspects of relationships, personal growth and responsibilities towards others and the community in its widest sense.
- 'Journey in Love', written by Sister Jude Groden, is the recommended programme of study for Catholic schools for their RHE curriculum, including the teaching of sex education
- Much of the health aspect of the RHE curriculum is covered in the Science curriculum, including naming body parts, the human life cycle, body changes and puberty
- The weekly 'Picture News' resource covers discussion topics such as online safety, rights and responsibilities, friendships, and relationships with other people
- The PSHE Association resources are used by teachers to plan and deliver lessons

Sex Education

At St Ethelbert's sex education is taught using the 'Journey in Love' resources to support pupils' learning and understanding within a Catholic context. Sex education is taught in Year 6, and the resources will be available for parents to view prior to the lessons being delivered. Parents have the right do withdraw their children from this aspect of the RHE curriculum. Any parents who wish to do so should make an appointment to discuss this with the headteacher.

	Autumn: Relationships			Spring: Living in the wider world			Summer: Health and Wellbeing		
	Families and friendships	Safe relationships	Respecting ourselves and others	Belonging to a community	Media literacy and digital resilience	Money and work	Physical health and Mental wellbeing	Growing and changing	Keeping safe
Year 1	Roles of different people; families; feeling cared for	Recognising privacy; staying safe; seeking permission	How behaviour affects others; being polite and respectful	What rules are; caring for others' needs; looking after the environment	Using the internet and digital devices; communicating online	Strengths and interests; jobs in the community	Keeping healthy; food and exercise, hygiene routines; sun safety	Recognising what makes them unique and special; feelings; managing when things go wrong	How rules and age restrictions help us; keeping safe online
Year 2	Making friends; feeling lonely and getting help	Managing secrets; resisting pressure and getting help; recognising hurtful behaviour	Recognising things in common and differences; playing and working coop- eratively; sharing opinions	Belonging to a group; roles and responsibilities; being the same and different in the community	The internet in everyday life; online content and information	What money is; needs and wants; looking after money	Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy; keeping teeth healthy; managing feelings and asking for help	Growing older; naming body parts; moving class or year	Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies
Year 3	What makes a family; features of family life	Personal boundar- ies; safely respond- ing to others; the impact of hurtful behaviour	Recognising re- spectful behaviour; the importance of self-respect; courte- sy and being polite	The value of rules and laws; rights, freedoms and responsibilities	How the internet is used; assessing information online	Different jobs and skills; job ste- reotypes; setting personal goals	Health choices and habits; what affects feelings; expressing feelings	Personal strengths and achievements; managing and re- framing setbacks	Risks and hazards; safety in the local environment and unfamiliar places
Year 4	Positive friendships, including online	Responding to hurtful behaviour; managing confidentiality; recognising risks online	Respecting differences and similarities; discussing difference sensitively	What makes a community; shared responsibilities	How data is shared and used	Making decisions about money; using and keeping money safe	Maintaining a bal- anced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care	Physical and emotional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with puberty	Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life
Year 5	Managing friend- ships and peer influence	Physical contact and feeling safe	Responding respect- fully to a wide range of people; recognis- ing prejudice and discrimination	Protecting the envi- ronment; compas- sion towards others	How information online is targeted; different media types, their role and impact	Identifying job interests and aspirations; what influences career choices; workplace stereo- types	Healthy sleep habits; sun safety; medicines, vaccinations, immunisations and allergies	Personal identity; recognising individ- uality and different qualities; mental wellbeing	Keeping safe in different situations, including responding in emergencies, first aid and FGM
Year 6	Attraction to others; romantic relation- ships; civil partner- ship and marriage	Recognising and managing pressure; consent in different situations	Expressing opin- ions and respecting other points of view, including discussing topical issues	Valuing diversity; challenging discrim- ination and stereo- types	Evaluating media sources; sharing things online	Influences and attitudes to money; money and financial risks	What affects mental health and ways to take care of it; managing change, loss and bereave- ment; managing time online	Human reproduc- tion and birth; increasing indepen- dence; managing transition	Keeping personal information safe; regulations and choices; drug use and the law; drug use and the media

Difficult Questions

All RHE content will be taught sensitively with the use of age appropriate resources. Children are naturally curious and may have questions that are difficult to answer in a whole-class setting. Teachers will avoid giving their own opinions or judgements and will answer questions about the statutory content of the RHE curriculum in a factual way. It may not be appropriate to answer all questions, and parents will be kept informed if their child has asked a question that may require further discussion.

The aim is that children are given correct information, and not dissuaded from asking questions, rather than looking to the internet or other unregulated sources of information for answers