



Relationships, Sex & Health Education Policy

1. Introduction

The Relationships Education and Health Education aspects of PSHE (personal, social, health & economic) Education will be compulsory in all primary schools from September 2020

This policy outlines our school's commitment to provide effective Relationships and Health Education for all pupils in support of that offered by parents, who are the first educators of their children in this area. It has been written with regard to the DfE Relationships Education, Relationships and Health Education guidance 2019 and other relevant guidance documents and statutory requirements.

The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 made under sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 make Relationships and Health Education compulsory for children receiving primary education. To meet the needs of our pupils we will also offer sex education, see section 6 for more details.

The RSHE teaching in this school contributes to our statutory duty to safeguard children and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life. RSHE is taught in an age-appropriate manner throughout the school.

2. Formulation, dissemination, monitoring and review of policy

The RSHE policy has been developed following consultation with the whole school community, including Governor meetings, Staff workshops and parental engagement. In developing our policy and curriculum we have given due regard to the government's statutory guidance for RSHE issued under Section 80A of the Education Act 2002 and section 403 of the Education Act 1996.

The RSHE policy is available on the school website and free of charge to interested parties via school reception.

The RSHE policy and curriculum will be reviewed annually by the PSHE Subject Lead and governors. This review will be informed by the following: *pupil and staff evaluation of the programme; teacher assessment; changes in legislation and guidance.*

3. What is RSHE?

RSHE is lifelong learning about physical, moral and emotional development. Through RSHE children learn about relationships, diversity, respect, healthy lifestyles, safety, the body and how it changes and reproduction in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. There is often concern that RSHE will encourage sexual experimentation however, evidence shows that those who receive effective RSHE at school are more likely to delay first sexual activity and to use contraception. In the primary school we are building the foundations of skills and knowledge that will be developed further at secondary level.



Our key aim in providing RSHE throughout the school is to safeguard our pupils. During their time at Melbury Primary School, children will learn key knowledge and skills to help keep them safe and prepare them for adult life.

4. Why RSHE is important in our school

Our RSHE curriculum reflects our school values; rights and responsibilities, respect, caring, forgiveness and new beginnings and a sense of belonging.

The teaching of RSHE is a key tool for helping our children to understand the meaning behind these values.

We acknowledge that not all parents feel confident or comfortable talking to their children about this subject, therefore our work in school ensures that all pupils have the information they need to keep safe and make positive, healthy choices.

5. Key Objectives

The key objectives of our RSHE programme are to:

- Develop knowledge and understanding of positive and healthy relationships and the importance of commitment
- Make pupils aware of their rights especially in relation to their bodies
- Enable the development of social and relationship skills and protective behaviours
- Prepare pupils for the physical and emotional changes of puberty
- Explore a range of attitudes, values and faith perspectives around aspects of relationships
- Support pupils to use the internet safely and to recognise the benefits and risks that it brings
- Develop pupils' skills around assessing risk and keeping safe
- Enable children to gain the skills and understanding to support the development of healthy bodies and minds
- Enable pupils to recognise and manage their emotions
- Provide pupils with the knowledge and skills to access appropriate support

The RSHE programme is based on the needs of pupils in the school with learning outcomes appropriate to their age, ability and level of maturity. RSHE will be firmly embedded within our broader curriculum areas, including Science, PE and computing, in addition to more focused learning through RSHE sessions, circle-time and assemblies. Pupils will be helped to appreciate difference and to respect themselves and others.

6. Sex Education

In addition to Relationships and Health Education we will also offer sex education in year 6. The key objectives of our sex education programme is to:

- Develop understanding of reproduction and birth within the context of loving and caring relationships
- Explore a range of attitudes, values and faith perspectives around aspects of relationships and sex
- To understand the concept of consent

7. Equality, Inclusion and Support



We are required to comply with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010. Our school values diversity, encourages respect for all and promotes tolerance for, and celebration of, difference. We do not discriminate against pupils because of any protected characteristic (age, sex, race, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, pregnancy or maternity, marriage or civil partnership, or sexual orientation). At times, when there is an identified need, we may take positive action through our planning and delivery of RSHE to deal with disadvantages facing those with a particular characteristic.

RSHE will be accessible to all regardless of their gender. Through the delivery of RSHE teachers will explore gender stereotypes and how they may limit a person's potential and ensure that people of all genders receive information that is relevant to their needs.

There are many different faith and cultural perspectives on aspects of RSHE. As a school we will deliver RSHE in a factual, non-judgmental way ensuring that teachers do not promote one faith or cultural viewpoint but rather provide a balanced approach that acknowledges the wealth of views and opinions of our community and teaches tolerance.

Parents and carers can then contextualize the learning within their own faith and values framework in their discussions with children following teacher-led sessions. We will use a range of materials and resources that reflect our cultural diversity and encourage inclusiveness.

Teachers will plan in different ways and use a variety of teaching strategies to meet the needs of individuals. For some children, particularly those with autistic spectrum disorders, a more explicit approach may be necessary to ensure learning outcomes are met – this will be discussed with parents/carers.

A range of different families and relationships will be explored within RSHE. All children whatever their identity, developing identity, or family background need to feel that RSHE is relevant to them and sensitive to their needs. This means that resources and books used will show families of all kinds, including mum/dad, two mums, two dads, fostering, adoption, single parent, extended family and others. This reflects both our school community and wider society.

We will use a range of materials and resources that reflect the diversity of our school population and encourage acceptance and tolerance. We want every child and family to feel included, respected and valued.

8. The Curriculum

RSHE will be taught in each year group throughout the school, as part of the wider subject known as PSHE. The curriculum we deliver is age-appropriate and progressive, building the children's knowledge, understanding and skills year on year.

Some elements of RSHE are delivered through national curriculum Science:

Year 2

Pupils should be taught to:

- ★ notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- ★ describe the importance for humans of.....hygiene.



Year 5

Pupils should be taught to:

- ✦ describe the changes as humans develop to old age.

In addition to the Science curriculum we use a scheme called 'Teaching SRE with Confidence' by the Christopher Winter Project to deliver our RSE. The scheme is strengthened by use of video resources and storybooks.

The scheme provides a gentle introduction to some key RSE themes in Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3. Children are introduced to the words 'penis' and 'vagina' to describe the private areas of their body and are given key safety messages around safe and unsafe touches and who can help them. They also look at differences between boys and girls, families and hygiene.

From year 4 we start to teach about puberty as some children may start to experience some of the physical or emotional changes. This learning is built upon in years 5 and 6.

More details on the lesson content for each year group is given below:

Christopher Winter Project 'Teaching SRE with Confidence' scheme content:

Year group

Reception - Our Lives

Lesson

Lesson 1: Our Day

Lesson 2: Keeping Ourselves Clean

Lesson 4: Families

Year 1 – Growing and Caring for Ourselves Lesson 1: Keeping Clean

Lesson 2: Growing and Changing

Lesson 3: Families and Care

Year 2 - Differences

Lesson 1: Differences: Boys and Girls

Lesson 2: Differences: Male and Female

Lesson 3: Naming the Body Parts

Year 3 – Valuing Differences and Keeping safe

Lesson 1: Differences: Male and Female

Lesson 2: Personal Space

Lesson 3: Family Differences

Year 4 – Growing Up

Lesson 1: Growing and Changing

Lesson 2: What is Puberty?

Lesson 3: Puberty Changes and Reproduction

Year 5 - Puberty

Lesson 1: Talking about Puberty

Lesson 2: Male and Female Changes

Lesson 3: Puberty and Hygiene

Year 6 – Puberty, Reproduction and Relationships

Lesson 1: Puberty and Reproduction

Lesson 2: Understanding Relationships

Lesson 3: Conception and Pregnancy

Lesson 4: Communication in Relationships

Lesson 5: Female Genital Mutilation

Additional resources:

- Great Connections in Y1-6 explores good relationships

We use the GREAT project in year 5 to explore domestic abuse



The curriculum will be evaluated and reviewed by pupils and teachers on a regular basis.

- NSPCC Pants rule.

By the end of primary school the following themes will have been covered:

Relationships Education

Families & Close Positive Relationships

Pupils should know

- R1.** about the roles different people (e.g. acquaintances, friends and relatives) play in our lives
- R2.** to identify the people who love and care for them and what they do to help them feel cared for
- R3.** about different types of families including those that may be different to their own
- R4.** to identify common features of family life
- R5.** that it is important to tell someone (such as their teacher) if something about their family makes them unhappy or worried
- R6.** that a feature of positive family life is caring relationships; about the different ways in which people care for one another
- R7.** to recognise and respect that there are different types of family structure (including single parents, same-sex parents, step-parents, blended families, foster parents); that families of all types can give family members love, security and stability
- R8.** to recognise other shared characteristics of healthy family life, including commitment, care, spending time together; being there for each other in times of Difficulty
- R9.** how to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice

Caring friendships

Pupils should know

Friendships

- R10.** about the importance of friendships; strategies for building positive friendships; how positive friendships support wellbeing
- R11.** what constitutes a positive healthy friendship (e.g. mutual respect, trust, truthfulness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, sharing interests and experiences, support with problems and difficulties); that the same principles apply to online friendships as to face-to-face relationships
- R12.** to recognise what it means to 'know someone online' and how this differs from knowing someone face-to-face; risks of communicating online with others not known face-to-face
- R13.** the importance of seeking support if feeling lonely or excluded
- R14.** that healthy friendships make people feel included; recognise when others may feel lonely or excluded; strategies for how to include them
- R17.** that friendships have ups and downs; strategies to resolve disputes and reconcile differences positively and safely



R18. to recognise if a friendship (online or offline) is making them feel unsafe or uncomfortable; how to manage this and ask for support if necessary

Hurtful relationships and Bullying

Pupils should know

R19. about the impact of bullying, including offline and online, and the consequences of hurtful behaviour

R20. strategies to respond to hurtful behaviour experienced or witnessed, offline and online (including teasing, name-calling, bullying, trolling, harassment or the deliberate excluding of others); how to report concerns and get support

R21. about discrimination: what it means and how to challenge it

Safe relationships

Pupils should know

R22. about privacy and personal boundaries; what is appropriate in friendships and wider relationships (including online);

R23. about why someone may behave differently online, including pretending to be someone they are not; strategies for recognising risks, harmful content and contact; how to report concerns

R24. how to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts including online) whom they do not know

R25. recognise different types of physical contact; what is acceptable and unacceptable; strategies to respond to unwanted physical contact

R26. about seeking and giving permission (consent) in different situations

R27. about keeping something confidential or secret, when this should (e.g. a birthday surprise that others will find out about) or should not be agreed to, and when it is right to break a confidence or share a secret

R28. how to recognise pressure from others to do something unsafe or that makes them feel uncomfortable and strategies for managing this

R29. where to get advice and report concerns if worried

Respecting self and others

Pupils should know

R30. that personal behaviour can affect other people; to recognise and model respectful behaviour online

R31. to recognise the importance of self-respect and how this can affect their thoughts and feelings about themselves; that everyone, including them, should expect to be treated politely and with respect by others (including when online and/or anonymous) in school and in wider society; strategies to improve or support courteous, respectful relationships

R32. about respecting the differences and similarities between people and recognising what they have in common with others e.g. physically, in personality or background

R33. to listen and respond respectfully to a wide range of people, including those whose traditions, beliefs and lifestyle are different to their own

R34. how to discuss and debate topical issues, respect other people's point of view and constructively challenge those they disagree with.

Health Education



Healthy lifestyles

Pupils should know

H1. how to make informed decisions about health

H2. about the elements of a balanced, healthy lifestyle

H3. about choices that support a healthy lifestyle, and recognise what might influence these

H4. how to recognise that habits can have both positive and negative effects on a healthy lifestyle

H5. about what good physical health means; how to recognise early signs of physical illness

H6. about what constitutes a healthy diet; how to plan healthy meals; benefits to health and wellbeing of eating nutritionally rich foods; risks associated with not eating a healthy diet including obesity and tooth decay.

H7. how regular (daily/weekly) exercise benefits mental and physical health (e.g. walking or cycling to school, daily active mile); recognise opportunities to be physically active and some of the risks associated with an inactive lifestyle

H8. about how sleep contributes to a healthy lifestyle; routines that support good quality sleep; the effects of lack of sleep on the body, feelings, behaviour and ability to learn

H9. that bacteria and viruses can affect health; how everyday hygiene routines can limit the spread of infection; the wider importance of personal hygiene and how to maintain it

H10. how medicines, when used responsibly, contribute to health; that some diseases can be prevented by vaccinations and immunisations; how allergies can be managed

H11. how to maintain good oral hygiene (including correct brushing and flossing); why regular visits to the dentist are essential; the impact of lifestyle choices on dental care (e.g. sugar consumption/acidic drinks such as fruit juices, smoothies and fruit teas; the effects of smoking)

H12. about the benefits of sun exposure and risks of overexposure; how to keep safe from sun damage and sun/heat stroke and reduce the risk of skin cancer

H13. about the benefits of the internet; the importance of balancing time online with other activities; strategies for managing time online

H14. how and when to seek support, including which adults to speak to in and outside school, if they are worried about their health

Mental Wellbeing

Pupils should know

H15. that mental health, just like physical health, is part of daily life; the importance of taking care of mental health

H16. about strategies and behaviours that support mental health — including how good quality sleep, physical exercise/time outdoors, being involved in community groups, doing things for others, clubs, and activities, hobbies and spending time with family and friends can support mental health and wellbeing

H17. to recognise that feelings can change over time and range in intensity

H18. about everyday things that affect feelings and the importance of expressing feelings

H19. a varied vocabulary to use when talking about feelings; about how to express feelings in different ways;

H20. strategies to respond to feelings, including intense or conflicting feelings; how to manage and respond to feelings appropriately and proportionately in different situations



H21. to recognise warning signs about mental health and wellbeing and how to seek support for themselves and others

H22. to recognise that anyone can experience mental ill health; that most difficulties can be resolved with help and support; and that it is important to discuss feelings with a trusted adult

H23. about change and loss, including death, and how these can affect feelings; ways of expressing and managing grief and bereavement

H24. problem-solving strategies for dealing with emotions, challenges and change, including the transition to new schools

Ourselves, growing and changing

Pupils should know

H25. about personal identity; what contributes to who we are (e.g. ethnicity, family, gender, faith, culture, hobbies, likes/dislikes)

H26. that for some people gender identity does not correspond with their biological sex

H27. to recognise their individuality and personal qualities

H28. to identify personal strengths, skills, achievements and interests and how these contribute to a sense of selfworth

H29. about how to manage setbacks/perceived failures, including how to re-frame unhelpful thinking

H30. to identify the external genitalia and internal reproductive organs in males and females and how the process of puberty relates to human reproduction

H31. about the physical and emotional changes that happen when approaching and during puberty (including menstruation, key facts about the menstrual cycle and menstrual wellbeing, erections and wet dreams)

H32. about how hygiene routines change during the time of puberty, the importance of keeping clean and how to maintain personal hygiene

H33. about the processes of reproduction and birth as part of the human life cycle; how babies are conceived and born (and that there are ways to prevent a baby being made); how babies need to be cared for¹

H34. about where to get more information, help and advice about growing and changing, especially about puberty

H35. about the new opportunities and responsibilities that increasing independence may bring

H36. strategies to manage transitions between classes and key stages

Keeping safe

H37. reasons for following and complying with regulations and restrictions (including age restrictions); how they promote personal safety and wellbeing with reference to social media, television programmes, films, games and online gaming

H38. how to predict, assess and manage risk in different situations

H39. about hazards (including fire risks) that may cause harm, injury or risk in the home and what they can do reduce risks and keep safe

H40. about the importance of taking medicines correctly and using household products safely, (e.g. following instructions carefully)



H41. strategies for keeping safe in the local environment or unfamiliar places (rail, water, road) and firework safety; safe use of digital devices when out and about

H42. about the importance of keeping personal information private; strategies for keeping safe online, including how to manage requests for personal information or images of themselves and others; what to do if frightened or worried by something seen or read online and how to report concerns, inappropriate content and contact

H43. about what is meant by first aid; basic techniques for dealing with common injuries

H44. how to respond and react in an emergency situation; how to identify situations that may require the emergency services; know how to contact them and what to say

H45. that female genital mutilation (FGM) is against British law, what to do and whom to tell if they think they or someone they know might be at risk

Drugs, alcohol and tobacco

Pupils should know

H46. about the risks and effects of legal drugs common to everyday life (e.g. cigarettes, e cigarettes/vaping, alcohol and medicines) and their impact on health; recognise that drug use can become a habit which can be difficult to break

H47. to recognise that there are laws surrounding the use of legal drugs and that some drugs are illegal to own, use and give to others

H48. about why people choose to use or not use drugs (including nicotine, alcohol and medicines);

H49. about the mixed messages in the media about drugs, including alcohol and smoking/vaping

H50. about the organisations that can support people concerning alcohol, tobacco and nicotine or other drug use; people they can talk to if they have concerns

Living in the Wider World

Shared responsibilities

Pupils should know

L1. to recognise reasons for rules and laws; consequences of not adhering to rules and laws

L2. to recognise there are human rights, that are there to protect everyone

L3. about the relationship between rights and responsibilities

L4. the importance of having compassion towards others; shared responsibilities we all have for caring for other people and living things; how to show care and concern for others

L5. ways of carrying out shared responsibilities for protecting the environment in school and at home; how everyday choices can affect the environment (e.g. reducing, reusing, recycling; food choices)

Communities

Pupils should know

L6. about the different groups that make up their community; what living in a community means

L7. to value the different contributions that people and groups make to the community

L8. about diversity: what it means; the benefits of living in a diverse community; about valuing diversity within communities



L9. about stereotypes; how they can negatively influence behaviours and attitudes towards others; strategies for challenging stereotypes

L10. about prejudice; how to recognise behaviours/actions which discriminate against others; ways of responding to it if witnessed or experienced.

Media literacy & digital resilience

L11. recognise ways in which the internet and social media can be used both positively and negatively

L12. how to assess the reliability of sources of information online; and how to make safe, reliable choices from search results

L13. about some of the different ways information and data is shared and used online, including for commercial purposes

L14. about how information on the internet is ranked, selected and targeted at specific individuals and groups; that connected devices can share information

L15. recognise things appropriate to share and things that should not be shared on social media; rules surrounding distribution of images

L16. about how text and images in the media and on social media can be manipulated or invented; strategies to evaluate the reliability of sources and identify misinformation

Economic wellbeing: Money

Pupils should know

L17. about the different ways to pay for things and the choices people have about this

L18. to recognise that people have different attitudes towards saving and spending money; what influences people's decisions; what makes something 'good value for money'

L19. that people's spending decisions can affect others and the environment (e.g. Fair trade, buying single-use plastics, or giving to charity)

L20. to recognise that people make spending decisions based on priorities, needs and wants

L21. different ways to keep track of money

L22. about risks associated with money (e.g. money can be won, lost or stolen) and ways of keeping money safe

L23. about the risks involved in gambling; different ways money can be won or lost through gambling-related activities and their impact on health, wellbeing and future aspirations

L24. to identify the ways that money can impact on people's feelings and emotions

Economic wellbeing: Aspirations, work and career

Pupils should know

L25. to recognise positive things about themselves and their achievements; set goals to help achieve personal outcomes

L26. that there is a broad range of different jobs/careers that people can have; that people often have more than one career/type of job during their life

L27. about stereotypes in the workplace and that a person's career aspirations should not be limited by them

L28. about what might influence people's decisions about a job or career (e.g. personal interests and values, family connections to certain trades or businesses, strengths and qualities, ways in which stereotypical assumptions can deter people from aspiring to certain jobs)



L29. that some jobs are paid more than others and money is one factor which may influence a person's job or career choice; that people may choose to do voluntary work which is unpaid

L30. about some of the skills that will help them in their future careers e.g. teamwork, communication and negotiation

L31. to identify the kind of job that they might like to do when they are older

L32. to recognise a variety of routes into careers (e.g. college, apprenticeship, university)

We deliver our RSHE curriculum through assemblies, a weekly PSHE lesson and topic work.

9. Resources

As with any other subject, the breadth of the RSHE curriculum necessitates the use of a wide variety of age-appropriate activities, books and resources. Teachers select resources that support the learning outcomes for the year group they are teaching. We will inform you of what will be taught in each term through our Year Group newsletters.

10. Teaching and Learning

All teachers have responsibility for planning and delivering RSHE. Teaching assistants may provide additional support, in particular for children with special educational needs. Everyone involved in the teaching of RSHE will follow the school policy.

The personal beliefs and attitudes of teachers will not influence the teaching of RSHE. A balanced and non-judgmental approach will be taken. Teachers, and all those contributing to RSHE will work to the agreed values within this policy.

Within RSHE pupils will develop confidence in talking, listening and thinking about relationships, keeping safe, health, puberty and sex. To achieve this a number of teaching strategies will be used, including:

- Establishing ground rules with pupils;
- Using 'distancing' techniques (eg. Case studies)
- The provision of a 'question box' during each planned session
- Dealing with children's questions in an appropriate manner
- Using discussion and appropriate materials; and role play
- Encouraging reflection.

RSHE will be delivered all year round – parents/carers will be informed of what will be covered when at the beginning of the year.

11. Dealing with questions

As with any topic children will ask questions during RSE to further their understanding. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic teachers will employ strategies to ensure that questions are asked and answered in an appropriate way. Through the use of ground rules at the start of sessions children will be reminded that personal questions are not appropriate. They will also be introduced to the 'question box'. Teachers will explain that if a pupil has a question they are to write it down and put it into the question box. This allows the teacher time to ensure questions are answered in an appropriate and factual way with reference to the age and maturity of the class. Teachers may feel that it is not



appropriate to answer some questions in front of the whole group – the question will then be addressed on an individual basis with the pupil and in some cases with parents/carers. All staff will be mindful of their safeguarding role and will follow the relevant school procedures if a question raises concerns of this nature.

Teachers will use the following strategies to deal with unexpected questions:

If a question is personal, the teacher will remind pupils of the ground rules and may refer the pupil to other agencies, such as, a counsellor, school nurse, help line etc.

If the teacher doesn't know the answer to a question, the teacher will acknowledge this and may research the question later.

If the question is too explicit, is outside set parameters, is inappropriate in a whole class setting or raises concerns about sexual abuse the teacher should acknowledge it and promise to attend to it on an individual basis.

Sometimes children may ask questions about issues that are not part of the planned programme, this may show that the taught curriculum is not meeting their needs. This will be fed back to the Coordinator as part of the evaluation and monitoring process.

12. External speakers

Occasionally we use external speakers to enhance our delivery of RSHE. All external speakers deliver in line with our RSHE policy and safeguarding procedures. For example, first aid training could be delivered by members of St Johns Ambulance service.

13. Safe learning in RSHE

It is important that all pupils feel safe and able to participate in RSHE lessons. To support the involvement of all pupils, teachers will create a group agreement with each class outlining expectations around rights, responsibilities and respect. The group agreement will be a working document that all pupils agree to follow.

The group agreement will outline rules regarding questions. As with any topic pupils will ask questions during RSHE to further their understanding. Due to the sensitive nature of the topic teachers will employ strategies to ensure that questions are asked and answered in a factual, balanced and age-appropriate way. The group agreement will remind pupils that personal questions are not appropriate.

14. Staff training

All staff delivering RSHE will take part in an initial basic training session which will be reviewed regularly. All staff also receive regular safeguarding training and updates.

15. Assessment and Review

Teachers use a range of assessment strategies to track pupils' progress towards our published learning outcomes. This may include marked workbooks; self-assessment and peer assessment.

16. Parents

We believe that RSHE is a partnership between school and parents/carers. We recognise that parents are the first teachers of their children and welcome their engagement with our RSHE programme. It is important that RSHE delivered in school is explored in more detail within the context of individual families. Parents will be routinely informed about RSHE through Year Group Newsletters.



17. Right to withdraw from sex education:

Whilst we always try to work with parents to explore their views, we also accept that parents can exercise their right to withdraw their child from the sex education elements of our programme (other than that which comes within the Science curriculum). This is content that is taught at Year 6 and parents are informed via a letter of when it is being taught. There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education. Parents can exercise their right to withdraw their child from sex education by sending a letter to the Headteacher. Teachers will plan appropriate, purposeful education for children who are withdrawn from sex education. If you have any concerns about the sex education programme that is provided, please do speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher.

18. Confidentiality, safeguarding and child protection

Everyone involved in RSHE will be clear about the boundaries of their legal and professional roles and responsibilities. Teachers will discuss confidentiality with pupils through the development of a group agreement at the start of lessons, making it clear that teachers cannot offer unconditional confidentiality. Pupils will be informed that if confidentiality has to be broken, due to safeguarding concerns, they will be informed first and then supported as appropriate.

Everyone involved in RSHE will be alert to signs of abuse and report concerns or suspicions to the Designated Safeguarding Lead as outlined in the safeguarding policy.

19. Menstrual wellbeing

Many pupils will begin menstruation in primary school. To support pupils who are menstruating we have in place the following:

- Sanitary disposal units are available **in the toilets**. Children in year 4 upwards will be informed of where they can access sanitary protection in the event of commencing menstruation during the school day.
- Pupils can access sanitary products from **Miss Cooper** or any other member of staff.

If a pupil starts menstruating in school we will support them on-site and inform parents. Our RSHE programme covers basic information about menstruation in year 4, with more detailed input in years 5 and 6.

If your child has difficulties managing their periods at school please contact **Miss Cooper** or any other member of staff for support.