

Relationships & Health Education

Year 5 & 6

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We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

Department of Education, 2019

Relationship Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

Department of Education, 2019

Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

Department of Education, 2019

St Agnes Curriculum

Our curriculum is a bespoke curriculum created in collaboration with Manchester Healthy Schools iMatter Version 3, schools within our cluster and our Parent Ambassador Group.

We have adapted resources provided by MHS to align with our values and ethos along with the community we serve.

By the end of Year 5, children will have been taught content on:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Healthy relationships
- Managing feelings and emotions
- Diversity and celebrating differences
- Correct body part name
- Key changes during puberty for boys and girls
- Right to privacy and unwanted touch
- Personal hygiene
- Main changes to occur during puberty
- Positive body image
- Healthy diets
- Keeping safe at home and online

Lesson 1: Our bodies during puberty

This lesson will be delivered to all children but children may be separated into girls and boys.

Let's look at the male and female bodies in more detail. We'll review our diagrams together as we go along.





Lesson 1 looks at labelling the parts of our body using factually correct terminology. There are videos outlining how our bodies

change during puberty with an emphasis on what parts of our body will need extra attention in terms of hygiene. The children then learn about personal hygiene.

This lesson has been further adapted from the MHS scheme to fit our needs.



Lesson 2: Puberty

What are erections?

"Erections are when the penis gets stiff

The penis is usually soft and hangs down but when sexually excited, (and sometimes without noticing), it sticks outwards and upwards from the body.

Erections occur at all ages from babies to old men, but can happen a lot during puberty.

My advice: It's normal, healthy and often unavoidable. They often go away after a few minutes Erections should never hurt; if they do, tell a trusted adult or doctor."



For this lesson, children will be separated into boys and girls and only taught about puberty in line with their gender.

Boys will learn about erections and wet dreams, what they are and how to approach them.

Girls will learn about periods.

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"You often notice if you've had a wet dream when you wake up. It might feel wet or sticky.

For boys, the penis may release semen (sperm). For girls, they might feel wet between the legs. Some people don't have them and that's normal too.

It usually happens after a sexually exciting dream.

My advice: Sleep in underwear, clean up with tissues and then have a shower. Wash your sheets regularly."



This is part of the Year 6 curriculum that response to a need within our cohort.

Lesson 3: Diversity





Nigeria. Sam's dads are from Poland.

Where were you born? What country does your family come from?



Lesson 3 looks at the different parts of our identity and how Manchester is a diverse city.

Children will look at how our religion, families, country of birth and relationships make us part of who we are.

Children will be encouraged to celebrate what makes them difference and challenge discrimination based on someone identity.

Lesson 4: Unwanted Touch

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Uncle	Tickling
Friend	Handshake
Parent	Kiss on the cheek
Brother	Pat on the back
Carer	Holding your hand
Dinner Supervisor	Putting an arm around you
Grandparent	High five
Cousin	Hug 💊
Team mate	Helping you up from a fall

Worksheet 4 RSE 5.13	Acceptable/unacceptab	Relationships Education
Somebody hits you	A married couple holding hands	Your sister high fives you
Your dog jumps on your knee	Your brother squeezes your arm	A family member hugs you
Your parent kissing you	A doctor asks you to show them a part of your body	A stranger on the opposite team touches you during a football match

Lesson 3 is about unwanted touch and where to find support if a child needs it. This is very much inline with our 'Pantosaurus' approach promoted by the NSPCC.

Children will look at how we greet different people in our lives, which parts of their body are private and examples of acceptable and unacceptable touch.

This lesson then relates back to our RRSA articles and what rights they hold as a child.



Lesson 5: FGM

Lesson 4 of the Manchester Healthy School iMatter Curriculum, which we follow in school, is looking at FGM and where to go if more support is needed.

At present, we are exploring different avenues of how to cover this subject through external agencies. We feel it is important for the children to receive input on the matter and are navigating the best way to do this as a school in conjunction with our PAGs.

Further details of this lesson will be released as and when a decision is made.

By the end of Year 6, children will have been taught content on:

- Similarities and differences between boys and girls
- To understand periods
- To learn about puberty and what it means for me.
- What is unwanted touch?
- To learn about how responsibilities, rights and duties are part of our lives now and how they will change in the future
- To learn about how a loving relationship might result in marriage and what is meant by 'forced marriage'.

Lesson 1: Changes in life





Lesson 1 looks at how responsibilities, rights and duties are part of our lives now and how they will change in the future.

Children will explore what responsibilities they held of will hold at different ages throughout their life, how to keep safe whilst becoming more independent and how to prepare for the move to secondary school.



What do you think might help with the transition to secondary school?

- 1. Find out who you could speak to if you were finding things difficult
- 2. Keep a map of the school in your pocket
- 3. Make a homework timetable
- 4. Find out when the after school clubs run
- 5. Write down the names of your teachers on your timetable
- 6. Talk to an adult at home if you are worried

Can you think of other examples?

Lesson 2: Loving Relationships



RSE 6.4	Colour the	positive chara	cteristics of	a relationshi
Commitment	Affection	Friendship	Respect	Fairness
Honesty	Unkind	Shared interests	Caring	Considerate
Disloyal	Funny	Patient	Kindness	Helpful
Dependence	Compromise	Attractive	Sharing	Thoughtful
Acceptance	Loyalty	Sense of Humour	Disrespect	Communicat

In this lesson, children will look at what happens in a loving relationship (incl. marriage) and what is forced marriage.

They will look at the different relationships they already have in their life and highlight what positive characteristics of a relationship are.

They will use those same characteristics to look at similarities and differences between friendships and intimate relationships.

They will look at different statements and decide whether they are true or false.

Children will also look at the differences between an arranged marriage and a forced marriage.



Lesson 3: Puberty physical and emotional changes

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This lesson is a repeat of the Year 5 puberty lesson.

All children will learn about erections and wet dreams, what they are and how to approach them as well as what periods are.

In addition to Year 5 content, children will look at what aspects of puberty similar or different for both girls and boys.



Lesson 4: How to make a baby

As a school, we have made the decision to remove this lesson from our curriculum.

Frequently asked Questions

When will my child be taught Relationship and Health Education?

These lessons will take place in the Spring term.

Can I withdraw my child from Relationship and Health Education?

No. This is a statutory part of the curriculum.

Will my child be taught Sex Education?

No. This is non-statutory and have made the decision not to each these lessons.

Where can I find more detail on the content of the lessons?

Please attend a parent workshop, contact the class teacher or visit our website for more information

If you have any additional questions please feel free to stay and speak with a member of staff.