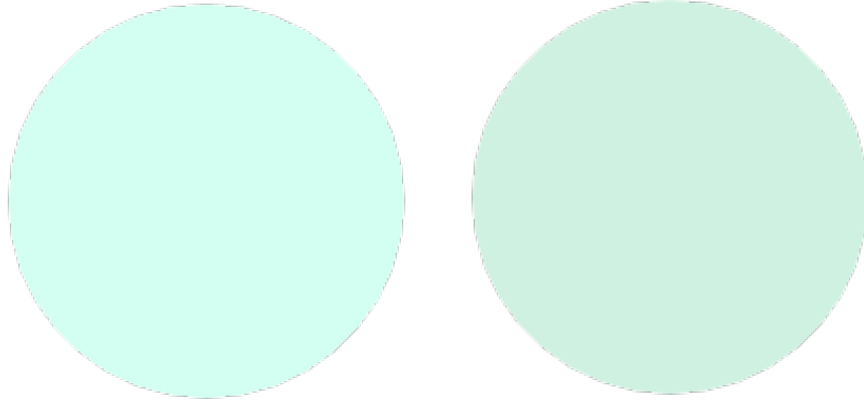


# Relationships and Sex Education Policy

Brookland School



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### 1. Aims

The aims of relationships and sex education (RSE) at our school are to:

- Provide a framework in which sensitive discussions can take place
- Prepare pupils for puberty, and give them an understanding of sexual development and the importance of health and hygiene
- Help pupils develop feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Create a positive culture around issues of sexuality and relationships
- Teach pupils the correct vocabulary to describe themselves and their bodies
- Support the school's values and ethos of Everyone Different Everyone Equal.

### 2. Statutory requirements

As an independent secondary school we must provide RSE to all pupils as per section 34 of the [Children and Social work act 2017](#).

In teaching RSE, we are required by our funding agreements to have regard to [guidance](#) issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the [Education Act 1996](#).

At Elland House School we teach RSE as set out in this policy.

### 3. Policy development

This policy has been developed in consultation with staff, pupils and parents. The consultation and policy development process involved the following steps:

1. Review – a member of staff or working group pulled together all relevant information including relevant national and local guidance

2. Staff consultation – all school staff were given the opportunity to look at the policy and make recommendations
3. Parent/stakeholder consultation – parents and any interested parties were invited to attend a meeting about the policy
4. Pupil consultation – we investigated what exactly pupils want from their RSE
5. Ratification – once amendments were made, the policy was shared with the Proprietor and ratified

## 4. Definition

RSE is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils, and involves learning about relationships, sexual health, sexuality, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity.

RSE involves a combination of sharing information, and exploring issues and values.

RSE is not about the promotion of sexual activity.

## 5. Curriculum

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary.

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

## 6. Delivery of RSE

RSE is taught within the personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) education curriculum. Biological aspects of RSE are taught within the science curriculum, and other aspects are included in religious education (RE).

Pupils also receive stand-alone sex education sessions delivered by a trained health professional.

RSE focuses on giving young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds including:

- › Families
- › Respectful relationships, including friendships
- › Online and media
- › Being safe
- › Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health

For more information about our RSE curriculum, see Appendices 1 and 2.

These areas of learning are taught within the context of family life taking care to ensure that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances (families can include single parent families, LGBT parents, families headed by grandparents, adoptive parents, foster parents/carers amongst other structures) along with reflecting sensitively that some children may have a different structure of support around them (for example: looked after children or young carers).

## 7. Roles and responsibilities

### 7.1 The Proprietor

The Proprietor will approve the RSE policy and hold the Head of Education and Lead Teacher to account for its implementation.

### 7.2 The Head of Education

The headteacher is responsible for ensuring that RSE is taught consistently across the school, and for managing requests to withdraw pupils from non-statutory components of RSE (see section 8).

### 7.3 Staff

Staff are responsible for:

- Delivering RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils
- Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the head of education.

The following staff members are responsible for the delivery of RSE at Brookland School.

Johnathan Broadbent- Lead Teacher

Amy Lewis – Teacher

David Gibson- Teacher

Rita Abbas- Teacher

### 7.4 Pupils

Pupils are expected to engage fully in RSE and, when discussing issues related to RSE, treat others with respect and sensitivity.

## 8. Parents' right to withdraw

At KS2 Parents do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationship education

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the head of education.

Alternate work will be provided for any child withdrawn from sex education lessons.

At KS3 and 4, Parents have the right to withdraw their child from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school will arrange this.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 3 of this policy and addressed to the head of education.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record on Arbor. The head of education will discuss the request which will be placed in the pupils education record. The head of education will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

Alternate work will be provided for children who are withdrawn from sex education lessons.

### Training

Staff are trained on the delivery of RSE as part of their induction and it is included in our continuing professional development calendar.

The head of education will also invite visitors from outside the school, such as school nurses or sexual health professionals, to provide support and training to staff teaching RSE.

## 9. Monitoring arrangements

The delivery of RSE is monitored by James Docherty (Head of Education) and Johnathan Broadbent (Lead Teacher) through:

Learning walks, lesson observations, work scrutiny, reviews of schemes of work .

Pupils' development in RSE is monitored by class teachers as part of our internal assessment systems.

## Appendix 1: Curriculum map

### Example Relationships and sex education curriculum map

YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC/THEME DETAILS	RESOURCES
Year 5	Spring 1	<p><b>This is covered as part of PSHE</b></p> <p>Relationships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Things that cause conflict between me and my friends</li> <li>• What I do when my friend makes me upset</li> </ul>	<p>All RSE resources are created in house with the support from</p> <p>‘Rise Above’</p> <p>“Better Health”</p> <p>“PSHE Associations”</p>
Year 6	Summer 2	<p><b>This is covered as part of PSHE</b></p> <p>My changing body:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How boys’ and girls’ bodies change as we grow up, and how these changes affect us</li> </ul>	<p><a href="https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/every-mind-matters-teaching-resources">https://www.pshe-association.org.uk/curriculum-and-resources/resources/every-mind-matters-teaching-resources</a></p> <p><a href="https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/mental-wellbeing/overview">https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools/topics/mental-wellbeing/overview</a></p>
Year 7	Autumn 1	<p><b>This is covered as part of PSHE</b></p> <p>A refresher of Relationships and Changing Body from KS2 for pupils who missed</p>	<p>Content is outlined through the KS3 PSHE Association SOW</p>
Year 8	Autumn 2	<p><b>This is a separate RSE SOW taught over 6 weeks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 sessions on Sexual health and cleanliness</li> <li>• 2 sessions on Respectful relationships</li> <li>• 2 Sessions on Families and parenting</li> </ul>	

YEAR GROUP	TERM	TOPIC/THEME DETAILS	RESOURCES
Year 9	Spring 1	<p><b>Family Structures</b></p> <p><b>Respectful Relationships</b></p> <p><b>Online Media</b></p> <p><b>Being Safe</b></p> <p><b>Intimacy and Sexual Relationships</b></p> <p><b>Sexual Health</b></p>	<p>How to: Determine whether other children, adults or sources of information are trustworthy Judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe (and to recognise this in others' relationships) Seek help or advice, including reporting concerns about others if needed</p> <p>The characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (in all contexts, including online), including trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent, the management of conflict and reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationship</p> <p>That specifically sexually explicit material (e.g. pornography) presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners</p> <p>About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online</p> <p>The concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and female genital mutilation, and how these can affect current and future relationships</p> <p>How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively (e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing) The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women, and menopause</p> <p>How the different sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDs are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing About the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment How the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour</p> <p><b>This is a separate RSE SOW taught over 6 weeks</b></p>
Year 10	Summer 1	<p><b>This is covered as part of PSHE</b> Pupils will cover positive relationships, relationships and values, consent, forming and maintaining relationships, Contraception and parenthood, and abuse and social influences.</p>	

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Year 11	Summer 1	<b>This is covered as part of PSHE</b> Pupils will cover positive relationships, relationships and values, consent, forming and maintaining relationships, Contraception and parenthood, and abuse and social influences.	





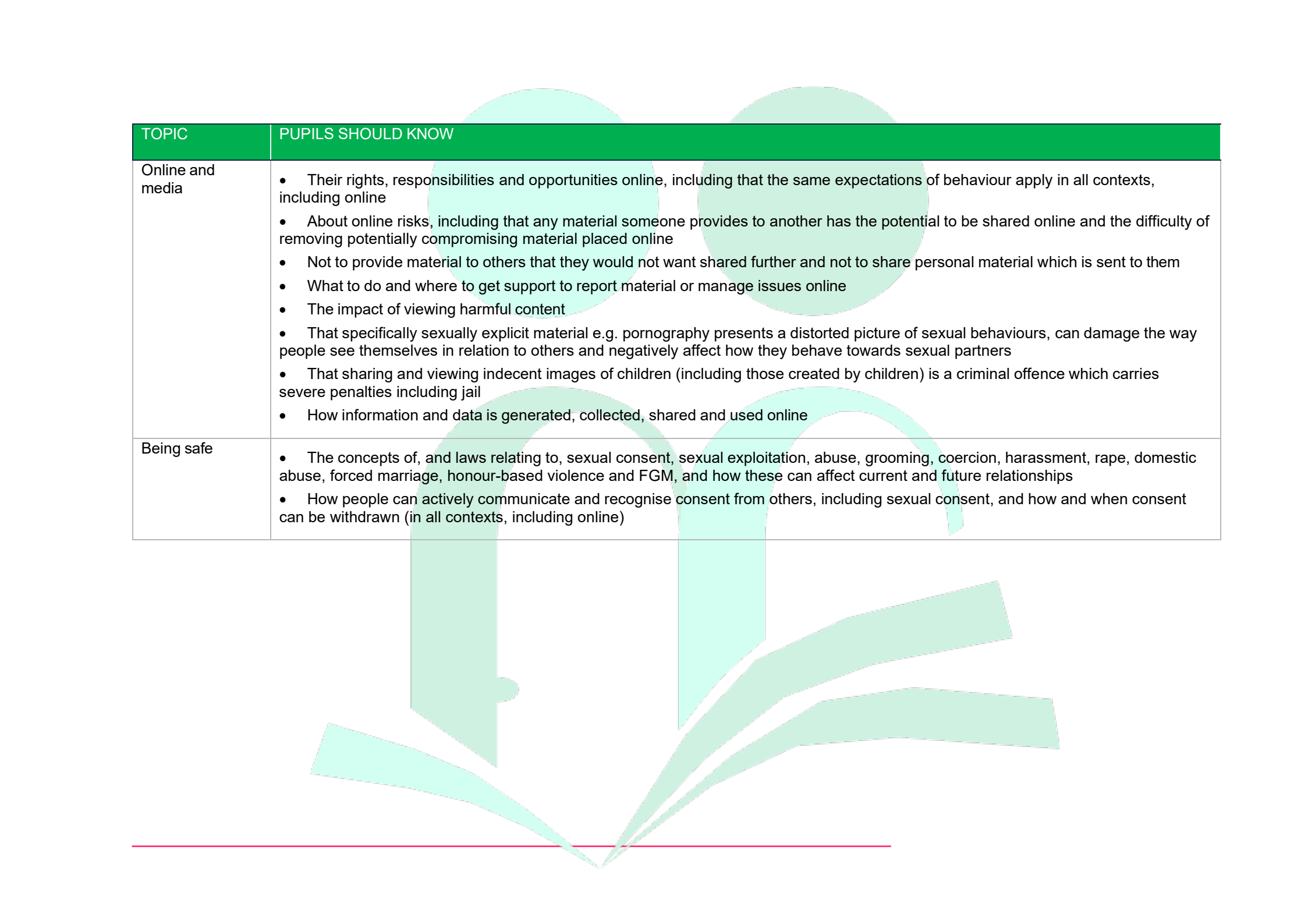
## Appendix 2: By the end of primary school pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families and people who care about me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• That families are important for children growing up because they can give love, security and stability</li><li>• 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</li><li>• 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</li><li>• That stable, caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families, and are important for children's security as they grow up</li><li>• That marriage represents a formal and legally recognised commitment of two people to each other which is intended to be lifelong</li><li>• How to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice from others if needed</li></ul>
Caring friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How important friendships are in making us feel happy and secure, and how people choose and make friends</li><li>• The characteristics of friendships, including mutual respect, truthfulness, trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, generosity, trust, sharing interests and experiences and support with problems and difficulties</li><li>• That healthy friendships are positive and welcoming towards others, and do not make others feel lonely or excluded</li><li>• 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</li><li>• 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</li></ul>

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Respectful relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships</li> <li>• The conventions of courtesy and manners</li> <li>• The importance of self-respect and how this links to their own happiness</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• What a stereotype is, and how stereotypes can be unfair, negative or destructive</li> <li>• The importance of permission-seeking and giving in relationships with friends, peers and adults</li> </ul>
Online relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That people sometimes behave differently online, including by pretending to be someone they are not</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• The rules and principles for keeping safe online, how to recognise risks, harmful content and contact, and how to report them</li> <li>• How to critically consider their online friendships and sources of information including awareness of the risks associated with people they have never met</li> <li>• How information and data is shared and used online</li> </ul>
Being safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What sorts of boundaries are appropriate in friendships with peers and others (including in a digital context)</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• That each person's body belongs to them, and the differences between appropriate and inappropriate or unsafe physical, and other, contact</li> <li>• How to respond safely and appropriately to adults they may encounter (in all contexts, including online) whom they do not know</li> <li>• How to recognise and report feelings of being unsafe or feeling bad about any adult</li> <li>• How to ask for advice or help for themselves or others, and to keep trying until they are heard</li> <li>• How to report concerns or abuse, and the vocabulary and confidence needed to do so</li> <li>• Where to get advice e.g. family, school and/or other sources</li> </ul>

## Appendix 2: By the end of secondary school pupils should know

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there are different types of committed, stable relationships</li> <li>• How these relationships might contribute to human happiness and their importance for bringing up children</li> <li>• What marriage is, including their legal status e.g. that marriage carries legal rights and protections not available to couples who are cohabiting or who have married, for example, in an unregistered religious ceremony</li> <li>• Why marriage is an important relationship choice for many couples and why it must be freely entered into</li> <li>• The characteristics and legal status of other types of long-term relationships</li> <li>• The roles and responsibilities of parents with respect to raising of children, including the characteristics of successful parenting</li> <li>• How to: determine whether other children, adults or sources of information are trustworthy: judge when a family, friend, intimate or other relationship is unsafe (and to recognise this in others' relationships); and, how to seek help or advice, including reporting concerns about others, if needed</li> </ul>
Respectful relationships, including friendships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The characteristics of positive and healthy friendships (in all contexts, including online) including: trust, respect, honesty, kindness, generosity, boundaries, privacy, consent and the management of conflict, reconciliation and ending relationships. This includes different (non-sexual) types of relationship</li> <li>• Practical steps they can take in a range of different contexts to improve or support respectful relationships</li> <li>• How stereotypes, in particular stereotypes based on sex, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability, can cause damage (e.g. how they might normalise non-consensual behaviour or encourage prejudice)</li> <li>• 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 people in positions of authority and due tolerance of other people's beliefs</li> <li>• About different types of bullying (including cyberbullying), the impact of bullying, responsibilities of bystanders to report bullying and how and where to get help</li> <li>• That some types of behaviour within relationships are criminal, including violent behaviour and coercive control</li> <li>• What constitutes sexual harassment and sexual violence and why these are always unacceptable</li> <li>• The legal rights and responsibilities regarding equality (particularly with reference to the protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010) and that everyone is unique and equal</li> </ul>



TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Online and media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Their rights, responsibilities and opportunities online, including that the same expectations of behaviour apply in all contexts, including online</li><li>• About online risks, including that any material someone provides to another has the potential to be shared online and the difficulty of removing potentially compromising material placed online</li><li>• Not to provide material to others that they would not want shared further and not to share personal material which is sent to them</li><li>• What to do and where to get support to report material or manage issues online</li><li>• The impact of viewing harmful content</li><li>• That specifically sexually explicit material e.g. pornography presents a distorted picture of sexual behaviours, can damage the way people see themselves in relation to others and negatively affect how they behave towards sexual partners</li><li>• That sharing and viewing indecent images of children (including those created by children) is a criminal offence which carries severe penalties including jail</li><li>• How information and data is generated, collected, shared and used online</li></ul>
Being safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The concepts of, and laws relating to, sexual consent, sexual exploitation, abuse, grooming, coercion, harassment, rape, domestic abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence and FGM, and how these can affect current and future relationships</li><li>• How people can actively communicate and recognise consent from others, including sexual consent, and how and when consent can be withdrawn (in all contexts, including online)</li></ul>

TOPIC	PUPILS SHOULD KNOW
Intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How to recognise the characteristics and positive aspects of healthy one-to-one intimate relationships, which include mutual respect, consent, loyalty, trust, shared interests and outlook, sex and friendship</li><li>• That all aspects of health can be affected by choices they make in sex and relationships, positively or negatively, e.g. physical, emotional, mental, sexual and reproductive health and wellbeing</li><li>• The facts about reproductive health, including fertility and the potential impact of lifestyle on fertility for men and women</li><li>• That there are a range of strategies for identifying and managing sexual pressure, including understanding peer pressure, resisting pressure and not pressurising others</li><li>• That they have a choice to delay sex or to enjoy intimacy without sex</li><li>• The facts about the full range of contraceptive choices, efficacy and options available</li><li>• The facts around pregnancy including miscarriage</li><li>• That there are choices in relation to pregnancy (with medically and legally accurate, impartial information on all options, including keeping the baby, adoption, abortion and where to get further help)</li><li>• How the different sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDs, are transmitted, how risk can be reduced through safer sex (including through condom use) and the importance of and facts about testing</li><li>• About the prevalence of some STIs, the impact they can have on those who contract them and key facts about treatment</li><li>• How the use of alcohol and drugs can lead to risky sexual behaviour</li><li>• How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment</li></ul>

### Appendix 3: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education			
Any other information you would like the school to consider			
Parent signature			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL			
Agreed actions from discussion with parents			