



PSHE Policy

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Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

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'From small beginnings come great things' *The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Matthew 13: 31-32

We will apply our Christian and British values, complemented by our small-school benefits; balancing each child's educational, pastoral and emotional needs to deliver an exceptional, personalised journey, enabling them to flourish in our school family and in the future.

1. The aim of this policy is to:

- Provide information to staff, parents and carers, governors, pupils and other agencies regarding the organisation, content and approach to teaching PSHE Education
- Help parents and carers to understand PSHE Education and support them to work with their child to secure the very best outcomes for all pupils
- Demonstrate how the school meets legal requirements with regards to teaching Relationships Education, Sex Education and Health Education.

2. Introduction

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) is a distinct curriculum subject and has both statutory and non-statutory elements as defined by the DfE. High quality PSHE education supports pupils' personal, social, health and economic development, helps to give them the knowledge, skills, strategies and attributes to make informed choices and decisions about the different opportunities and challenges life presents. Pupils will learn about relationships, health and wellbeing, keeping safe, managing their off and online lives, living in the wider world and financial education at an age appropriate level. Providing a high quality PSHE curriculum gives pupils opportunities to explore issues that are real and relevant to them in their daily lives in a safe and managed environment.

3. The Legalities

At Cadmore End school we teach the statutory parts of PSHE – Relationships education (please see our Relationships Education Policy) and Health Education through our PSHE curriculum. We also teach non statutory Sex Education as part of PSHE provision (please see our Sex Education policy.)

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 Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory for all pupils receiving secondary education. They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools.

We comply with the 'Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education statutory guidance issued by the DfE

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/805781/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf

Whilst primary schools are not mandated to provide sex education, we offer this as part of our PSHE curriculum in addition to the statutory elements of sex/puberty education contained in the science curriculum. We are required to have regard to guidance issued by the secretary of state as outlined in section 403 of the Education Act 1996.

We follow the DfE guidance for teaching PSHE (updated September 2021)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/personal-social-health-and-economic-education-pshe/personal-social-health-and-economic-pshe-education>

It is the statutory responsibility of the governing body to ensure the school has a compliant and up to date Relationships and Sex Education policy.

4. The curriculum

Intent - Why do we teach it?

We aim to provide high quality PSHE provision that will support pupils to develop life skills which will enable them to manage change, make healthy and safe choices, build character and be resilient, reflective and responsible members of society.

Our PSHE provision has been designed to be age appropriate, whilst being sensitive to the needs of our whole school community to ensure PSHE provision gives our pupils an education which will support them both now and in the future.

Our PSHE provision is underpinned by the 2010 Equalities Act and provides an inclusive curriculum that promotes understanding and mutual respect for all. We reflect diversity within our curriculum to ensure that no pupil feels excluded and teach pupils to understand, respect and celebrate difference and challenge stigma.

Our PSHE provision extends beyond the curriculum and includes themed days/weeks, assemblies and fully supports our school's ethos and values. PSHE is part of our school's broad and balanced curriculum supporting spiritual, moral cultural, social and cultural education, citizenship, equalities, and safeguarding.

The personal, social, health and economic development of our pupils is a vital element of education and we aim to work collaboratively with parents/carers to ensure our children are well informed and supported to make healthy, safe and positive choices in all aspects of their daily lives.

Implementation - What, where and when PSHE is taught

At Cadmore End school statutory Relationships Education and Health Education are taught as part of a structured PSHE curriculum. We also teach Economic Education and relevant themes to support our pupils to manage their lives both now and in the future.

At Cadmore End school we use Twinkl scheme of work that is based on the PSHE Association's scheme of work for the planning and delivery of PSHE. The programme of study is adapted to provide a relevant and age appropriate curriculum. We also use Medway to assist in delivering Puberty and Sex Education and appropriate Drugs and Alcohol Education resources. We provide a curriculum that ensures pupils are taught key aspects of PHSE at a relevant and age appropriate level and in line with their continuing personal, social and emotional development.

Relationships Education

Our PSHE curriculum covers statutory Relationships education (please see Relationships policy for further details). Relationships Education in primary schools focuses on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other children and adults. By the end of primary school pupils will have been taught content on:

- Families and people who care for us
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

Pupils will be taught Relationships Education from year 1 at an age appropriate level. Further details on what we are required to teach can be found in appendix 2 (DfE Relationships outcomes)

Sex Education

As part of our PSHE provision we teach sex education. This is an important and recommended aspect of the curriculum. As a non-statutory element of PSHE parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from designated sex education lessons. We encourage parents and carers to talk through any concerns they may have and make an informed choice about whether to exercise the right to withdraw their child. Please see our sex education policy.

Health Education

We deliver statutory Health education through our PSHE curriculum. Health Education aims to teach pupils about physical and mental wellbeing and give pupils the information that they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing. It should enable them to recognise what is normal and what is an issue with regards to themselves and others; pupils will be taught how to seek

support as early as possible and from a safe and trusted source. By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety and harms
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Health & prevention
- Basic first aid
- Changing adolescent body*

**The changing adolescent body and puberty education is part of the statutory Health Education curriculum and science curriculum and is mandatory for all pupils. We teach the correct scientific names of all body parts from year 1 (or reception). A list of key vocabulary can be found in appendix 3. Introducing the scientific names of genitalia is recommended by the NSPCC, the PSHE Association and is recognised good practice, supporting the safeguarding of pupils.*

DfE outcomes for Health Education can be found in appendix 2

Living in the wider world/Economic Education

Our PSHE curriculum covers Economic Education and Living in the Wider World. Pupils will learn about their position as a global citizen and how they can make choices to better the environment, water and energy use, and biodiversity.

When/How

At Cadmore End school PSHE is a taught subject and is also embedded within our whole school curriculum, values and ethos. PSHE is timetabled once a week and delivered by class teachers. The PSHE curriculum has been designed to help pupils develop their knowledge and skills over time, embedding learning to ensure pupils receive a relevant and age appropriate education to support them in their lives now and in the future. PSHE is taught in units and the themes are available to view on the school website.

There are 3 core themes:

Core Themes from the PSHE Association Programme of Study – School Terms:

- Core Theme 1: **Health and Wellbeing** - Autumn Term
- Core Theme 2: **Relationships** - Spring Term
- Core Theme 3: **Living in the Wider World** - Summer Term

Topic Titles from the PSHE Association Primary Planning Toolkit:

- Core Theme 1: **Health and Wellbeing** – Healthy Lifestyles, Growing and Changing, Keeping Safe (Autumn Term)
- Core Theme 2: **Relationships** – Feelings and Emotions, Healthy Relationships, Valuing Difference (Spring Term)
- Core Theme 3: **Living in the Wider World** – Rights and Responsibilities, Environment, Money (Summer Term)

Managing difficult Questions and confidentiality

In PSHE pupils learn about personal safety and the law. Should a pupil make a disclosure to a member of staff this will be reported to a designated safeguarding lead and followed up in accordance with our disclosure procedures. Please see our Child Protection policy on the school website for further information.

All aspects of PSHE are underpinned by shared and understood ground rules with lessons being delivered in a safe and well managed environment. To ensure the content and delivery of PSHE education is appropriate and relevant to our pupils we use simple baselines to ascertain what pupils already know, and what they would like to learn. Distancing techniques are used in PSHE education, which provide depersonalised examples which support children to explore what is being taught without sharing their own personal experiences in the lesson. Pupils are encouraged to ask questions and raise issues in a respectful and appropriate manner. Some questions or issues raised may not be appropriately answered in whole class lessons and these will be followed up separately on an individual or group basis. A question box is available for pupils who do not feel confident to ask questions or wish to have a separate conversation with a member of staff. Given ease of access to the internet, children whose questions go unanswered may turn to inappropriate sources of information.

We also respect that some questions are better addressed at home with parents/carers and the school will share information with parents/carers on an individual basis should the need arise.

Whilst it is vital to have trust and openness we cannot offer total confidentiality to pupils. Any disclosures or areas of concern will be followed up in accordance with our safeguarding procedures

How delivery and content will be made accessible to all pupils including SEND

We are an inclusive school. As with all subject areas, delivery of PSHE is made to all pupils through Quality First Teaching, which takes into account the learning needs of all the children in the classroom. This includes providing differentiated work and creating an inclusive learning environment that is sensitive to the individual learning, emotional, social or economic needs of pupils. Pupils who receive 1:1 support will have access to support during PSHE lessons where appropriate to their needs. Lesson plans will take account of the differing needs of pupils with SEND however, the school recognises that not all pupils with identified special educational needs require the same level of support in PSHE as they may do in other core subjects.

Impact

- PSHE provision provides pupils with well-chosen opportunities and contexts to explore and embed new knowledge that can be used confidently in real life situations
- Pupils are able to form healthy, happy relationships with other children and adults and recognise the features of unhealthy relationships and have strategies to challenge negative behaviour of others and seek help when needed

- Pupils know how and when to ask for help and where to access support
- Pupils are well informed and recognise the risks they may encounter both on and off line and are able to make safe choices
- Pupils are enabled to take responsibility for their actions and understand the implications and consequences of their own decisions
- Pupils are well prepared for the next steps of their lives
- Pupils have the knowledge, skills and attributes to live healthy, happy lives
- Pupils understand and respect differences between themselves and others

5. Roles and Responsibilities

The Governing Body will approve the policy and hold the Headteacher to account for its implementation.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring PSHE is taught consistently across the school and for managing requests with regards to the parental right to withdraw from non-statutory Sex Education.

The PSHE lead is responsible for leading and managing the subject. Teachers are responsible for delivering PSHE.

Pupils are expected to fully engage with PSHE provision and treat other with respect.

6. Working with outside agencies and visiting speakers

The school has a GDPR policy, DBS protocols, the privacy statements, confidentiality policies and CP policies which all staff follow.

7. Monitoring, evaluation and training

- PSHE provision will be monitored and evaluated by the PSHE lead, SLT and Governors in line with the monitoring cycle agreed by the school .The PSHE policy will be reviewed annually.
- To ensure staff are confident to deliver all aspects of the PSHE curriculum, access to online, in school, local and national training will be made available and in accordance with the school's CPD programme for staff development

8. Working with parents

It is vital that parents and carers know what is being taught and how to support their child/children. The PSHE curriculum overview is published on the school website along with the PSHE policy, and RSE policy. Appendix 1 shows what is being taught as part of the rolling programme in Key Stage 1 & 2.

We have an open door policy for any parents/carers who wish to find out more about our PSHE provision. We consult with parents, carers and the wider community through questionnaires and specific parent workshops/meetings. We understand that parents and carers may wish to approach the school to access help with concerns they may have about their child and where they can go to obtain further support.

Our PSHE policy and PSHE curriculum overview can be found on the school website. We welcome and encourage parents and carers to make an appointment with the class teacher or the Headteacher to discuss any aspect of the PSHE curriculum or to raise any concerns they may have regarding this vital area of education.

Parents and carers are only entitled to withdraw their child from designated Sex Education lessons (please see the Sex Education policy for further details) and there is no right to withdraw from PSHE which includes statutory Relationships Education and Health Education . The science curriculum also includes content on human development, including reproduction, for which there is no right to withdraw from. We highly recommend all students receive the full PSHE curriculum.

Useful information for parents

We have a designated area of the School website signposting to trusted external websites eg [ParentZone](#), [NSPCC](#), [ThinkUKnow](#)

The DfE guide for parents is here

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812593/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

9. Linked policies

Child Protection

Behaviour Policy (inc anti bullying)

Relationships Education Policy

Sex Education Policy

Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy

SEN Policy

Cross Curricular links

Cross Curricular links will also be made between PSHE and other curriculum areas as appropriate, including:

- RE: religious and moral beliefs, values and practices that underpin and influence personal and social issues and relationships
- ENGLISH: skills in enquiry and communication, stories that illustrate aspects of personal and social development.
- NUMERACY: aspects of financial capability, counting and sharing
- SCIENCE: drugs (including medicines) sex education, health, safety and the environment
- D&T: health and safety, healthy eating
- HISTORY: reasons for and results of historical events, situations and changes
- GEOGRAPHY: topical issues concerning the environment; GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

- ART/DT: reflecting on and responding to ideas and experiences communicated through works of art, craft and design from different times and cultures
- MUSIC: making the most of abilities in playing or singing, issues of cultural diversity, their value and their expression
- PE: teaching and learning about health and safety, development of personal and social skills through team and individual activities, games and sports.

PSHE will further be supported through discreet activities and school events.

PSHE Long Term Plan

The Curriculum framework whole school overview gives a brief summary or 'at a glance view' of what is taught under the core theme and topic title, in each term, for each year group, across the school. It also provides a quick and simple way to view the progression of learning throughout the primary phase. Due to year groups being mixed, some content is taught separately or collectively.

Term	Autumn			Spring			Summer		
Core Theme	Health and Wellbeing <i>Minimum of 10 lessons</i>			Relationships <i>Minimum of 10 lessons</i>			Living in the Wider World <i>Minimum of 10 lessons</i>		
Topics	Healthy Lifestyles	Growing and Changing	Keeping Safe	Feelings and emotions	Healthy Relationships	Valuing difference	Rights and Responsibilities	Environment	Money
Year 1	What helps keep bodies healthy; hygiene routines	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals. Change and loss and how it feels	Keeping safe around household products; how to ask for help if worried about something	Recognising feelings in self and others; sharing feelings	Secrets and keeping safe; special people in their lives	Respecting similarities and differences in others; sharing views and ideas	Group and class rules; everybody is unique in some ways and the same in others	Looking after the local environment <i>(CROSS YEAR-GROUP PROJECT WITH YEAR 2)</i>	Where money comes from; how to use money - saving and spending money
Year 2	Healthy choices; different feelings; managing feelings	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals. Growing; changing and being more independent; correct names for body parts (including external genitalia)	Keeping safe in different situations; how to ask for help if they are worried about something; privacy in different contexts	Behaviour; bodies and feelings can be hurt	Listening to others and playing cooperatively; appropriate and inappropriate touch; teasing and bullying	Respecting similarities and differences in others; sharing views and ideas	Group and class rules; respecting their own and others' needs; groups and communities they belong to; people who work in the community; getting help in an emergency	Looking after the local environment <i>(CROSS YEAR-GROUP PROJECT WITH YEAR 1)</i>	Where money comes from; saving and spending money; making choices; keeping track of money spent/saved
Year 3	What makes a balanced diet; opportunities for making own choices with food; what influences their food choices; habits	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals. Describing feelings; conflicting feelings and how to manage feelings	School rules on health and safety; basic emergency aid; people who help them stay healthy and safe	Recognising feelings in others; responding to how others are feeling	Positive; healthy relationships and friendships; maintaining friendship; actions affect ourselves and others; working collaboratively	Recognising and responding to bullying	Discuss and debate health and wellbeing issues. Being a part of the community and who works in the community	Responsibilities; rights and duties	Enterprise; what it means; developing skills in enterprise <i>(CROSS YEAR-GROUP PROJECT WITH YEAR 6)</i>
Year 4	What makes a balanced lifestyle and making choices; drugs common to everyday life; hygiene and germs	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals. Changes at puberty. Changes that happen in life and feelings associated with change	How to keep safe in local area and online; people who help them stay healthy and safe	Keeping something confidential or secret; when to break a confidence; recognise and manage dares	Acceptable and unacceptable physical contact; solving disputes and conflicts amongst peers	Listen and respond effectively to people; share points of view	Discuss and debate health and wellbeing issues. Appreciating difference and diversity in the UK and around the world	Sustainability of the environment across the world	Role of money; managing money (saving and budgeting); what is meant by interest and loan
Year 5	What positively and negatively affects health and wellbeing; making informed choices; benefits of a balanced diet; different influences on food; skills to make choices	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals; aspirations. Intensity of feelings; managing complex feelings. Coping with change and transition; bereavement and grief	Strategies for managing personal safety in the local environment; online safety; including sharing images; mobile phone safety	Responding to feelings in others	Actions have consequences of actions; working collaboratively; negotiation and compromise; giving feedback	Listening to others; raise concerns and challenge	Discuss and debate health and wellbeing issues. Rules and laws; changing rules and laws; anti-social behaviour; respecting and resolving differences	Different rights; responsibilities and duties	Importance of finance in people's lives; being a critical consumer; looking after money; interest; loan; debt management of money; tax

Year 6	Images in the media and reality; how this can affect how people feel; risks and effects of drugs	Recognising what they are good at; setting goals; aspirations. Changes at puberty (<i>recap Y4</i>); human reproduction; roles and responsibilities of parents	Independence; increased responsibility; keeping safe; influences on behaviour; resisting pressure; rights to protect their body and speaking out (including against FGM); who is responsible for their health and safety; where to get help and advice	Confidentiality and when to break a confidence; managing dares	Different types of relationships; positive and healthy relationships; maintaining relationships; recognising when a relationship is unhealthy (including forced marriage); committed; loving relationships; marriage. Acceptable and unacceptable physical touch; personal boundaries and the right to privacy	Listening to others; raise concerns and challenge. What makes people the same or different; recognising and challenging stereotypes; discrimination and bullying	Discuss and debate health and wellbeing issues. Human rights; the rights of child; cultural practices and British law. Being part of a community; groups that support communities. Being critical of what is in the media and what they forward to others	How resources are allocated; effect of this on individuals; communities and environment	Enterprise; setting up an enterprise (<i>CROSS YEAR-GROUP PROJECT WITH YEAR 3</i>)
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Ground rules for PSHE lessons

Ground rules

Ground rules help to minimise inappropriate and unintended disclosures and comments of a negative nature made towards other students whether intentional or not. Such ground rules support broader class rules and the school's behaviour policy. In order for ground rules to be effective, they should be developed and agreed with the pupils themselves, rather than given or imposed by the teacher. The content of PSHE is wide and varied and needs to be age appropriate. Pupils need to be taught how to ask questions, explore their views and attitudes in a classroom situation, and to understand what to do if they need further support.

Ideas for ground rules

Shared agreement

- We join in and ask questions if we want to
- We make sure that everybody feels listened to
- We make sure everybody feels ok – we don't put people down
- We use the correct vocabulary when possible; if we are unsure, we ask the teacher
- We do not name names
- We know we can ask for further help or advice if we want and after the lesson too

Rights and responsibilities

- Everybody has the right to feel listened to
- Everybody has the right to join in and speak if they want to
- We have the responsibility to ensure people do not feel judged or 'put down'
- We have a responsibility to use the correct vocabulary so as not to cause offence
- Everybody has the responsibility to keep confidentiality
- Everybody has the right to seek help or advice if they want to

Appendix 3

DFE information from statutory guidance

Relationships

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-education-primary>

Health education (the DfE has not separated this into Primary and Secondary)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/physical-health-and-mental-wellbeing-primary-and-secondary>

DfE Guide for parents

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812593/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf