

## Governors Policy Statement for Sex Education

The Governing body have decided that sex education will be integrated into the personal, social and health education programme of the school as well as the science curriculum. The programme will include:

- A concern for relationships with other people, respecting the rights and feelings of others; developing loving, caring relationships as friends, parents, members of a family and ultimately sexual partners.
- Knowledge of how the human body functions, how it grows and how we change physically and emotionally.
- The importance of self-esteem in encouraging the pupil to respect and care for his/her body, to make informed judgement and to learn to cope in the modern world.

Teachers will be ready at all times to deal with questions on personal relationships and sexuality, naturally and honestly, as and when they arise. Teachers will be sensitive to cultural differences and beliefs.

Such teaching as is given will have regard to the age, emotional and physical maturity of the pupils as far as is possible within an age group.

We consider that sex education is important, however, should they wish, parents can withdraw their children from all or part of the sex education provided, except that which is required by the Science National Curriculum.