



Cradley CE Primary School



Approach to Sex Education

“Relationships and sex are good gifts of God and should bring joy. In our experience, young people most desire to learn about (and have modelled for them) good, healthy relationships. They want to learn how to secure, develop and sustain healthy relationships and how to be able to recognise when and how relationships go wrong. They must be prepared for the opportunities, challenges and responsibilities of being in relationship with other people.”

(Church of England Education Office Response to call for Evidence on RSE Curriculum p1)

DfE guidance

The DfE Guidance 2019 (p.23) recommends that all primary schools ‘have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. However, sex education is not compulsory in primary schools’. At Cradley CE, following consultation with governors, staff and parents, we also deliver an appropriate programme of sex education.

Schools are free to determine the content of sex education at primary school. At Cradley CE Primary School, we believe children should understand the facts about human reproduction before they leave primary school. Part of this will be delivered through the science curriculum and part through RSE curriculum.

What will we teach?

Science

As part of the science curriculum, children will learn about the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age and reproduction in some plants and animals.

RSE

As part of the RSE curriculum, children will learn about human reproduction.

- The changes that adolescence brings
- How a baby is conceived and born

This will be taught in partnership with the school nurse. S/he will also discuss: healthy relationship, consent, consensual and non consensual sharing of and online safety. Parents will be invited to see the materials and discuss the programme prior to the school nurse delivering these sessions.

Right to withdraw

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE. Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 4 of the policy and on our website. It should be addressed to the headteacher. Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.