

Westfield Academy

Sex and relationships education

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Review July 2022

Status

Statutory

Purpose

A key aim of the Academy is that each pupil will develop the skills and knowledge to make decisions. Decisions about how they relate to others can only be made if they have adequate knowledge and understanding of their own physical and emotional development and developing how young people deal with such matters with confidence and understanding. This is not a task for the Academy in isolation, and we seek to work with parents/carers to ensure that the teaching of sex education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents/carers will be informed about the teaching of sex education each term so that they can decide whether or not to withdraw their child.

The Policy relates to our ECM¹ outcomes: Be healthy; Stay safe; Enjoy and achieve

Relationship to other policies

Sex education forms an integral part of the curriculum policy, and the schemes of work for science (physical aspects) and personal, social, and health education (emotional and social aspects), and relates to child protection.

Roles and responsibilities of Headteacher, other staff, governors

The **Governing body** recognises that Secondary education must provide sex education, including education about HIV and AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

Additionally, the Governing Body will:

- seek the advice of the Headteacher on this policy, keep it up to date, and make it available to parents/carers
- ensure that sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage.

¹ ECM – Every Child Matters

The **Headteacher** will ensure that:

- the Governing body is advised about the nature and organisation of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school
- sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage
- pupils are protected from inappropriate teaching materials
- a scheme of work is agreed and implemented
- parents/carers are informed about the programme for sex education each term
- links are established and maintained with other agencies to ensure that appropriate support and guidance is accessible to pupils, staff and parents/carers.

Staff who teach sex and relationships education are expected to:

- provide sex education in accordance with this policy and in a way, which encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life
- participate in training to provide sex education in line with the school curriculum policy
- implement the agreed scheme of work
- draw to the attention of the Headteacher any materials which they consider to be inappropriate
- respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents/carers wish them to be withdrawn from sex education.

Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation

The Headteacher will provide a report on the implementation of the scheme of work once each year in July, together with a record of parental and pupil complaints, the number of pupils withdrawn from lessons, and the number of teachers and other staff involved in training on sex education. Lessons on sex education will be observed in the normal programme of monitoring teaching and the judgements about the impact of the lesson on pupils will be included in the report. If the Academy has a student who has become pregnant the Headteacher will report on the effectiveness of links made with and support provided by relevant agencies and children's centres.