

Our Lady's RC Primary School



Sex & Relationship Education Policy

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"Learning and loving together; we grow with Jesus"

Our Core Values

During our September 2015 INSET day we renewed both our Mission Statement and Core Values.

During the day the feedback from parents, and the views expressed by the children during sessions in the previous summer term played a prominent role in the decisions we made.



Our new Mission Statement is:

"Learning and loving together; we grow with Jesus"

The Core Values that provide the foundation for that Mission are:

Faithful
Nurturing
Respectful

Positive
Forgiving
Honest

Safe
Fair

NURTURE

The School's six nurturing principles sum up our practice and theory. They underpin the context, organisation and curriculum.

1. Children's learning is understood developmentally
2. The classroom offers a safe base
3. the importance of nurture for the development of wellbeing
4. Language as a vital means of communication
5. All behaviour is communication
6. The importance of transition in children's lives



Our Mission is represented by this design. As with the statement itself, the logo was developed by all stakeholders, with the children in particular providing the symbolic ideas of **growth – the tree, love – the hearts** and **Christ – the Cross**

What is SRE?

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) is lifelong learning about physical, moral, social and emotional development. It is the understanding of the importance of marriage and family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care.

Context

At Our Lady's, in conjunction with BOSCEP (Bolton Schools Catholic Education Partnership), our mission is to educate our children with Christ at the centre, and thus all that we teach is focussed upon Catholic values and morals. We recognise each of our pupils as unique individuals, created in the image and likeness of God, and our curriculum reflects the Gospel values of our faith. Therefore, SRE is taught in the context of Christian relationships and virtues. SRE promotes children's self-esteem and emotional wellbeing. It helps them to form and maintain worthwhile and satisfying relationships based on respect for themselves and for others, at home, at school and in the community.

Policy, Leadership and Management

Governors, in consultation with the head teacher, have a statutory responsibility for SRE in their school. Governing bodies, together with the PSHE co-ordinator, are expected to involve parents, pupils, staff, health professionals and other agencies to ensure that the school's SRE programme addresses the needs of the community, education, health priorities and the needs of the pupils themselves.

Aims

Within a Catholic context, the purpose for teaching SRE at Our Lady's is:

- To engender growth in self-respect and self-worth recognising that each of us is created in the image and likeness of God
- To appreciate and understand the role of God our Father as creator of our world and the founder of productive and purposeful relationships
- To enable pupils to have an understanding that love, trust and faith is central to relationships
- To promote an appreciation of the nature, purposes and value of marriage and the family
- To enable pupils to have an understanding of themselves, their bodies and their emotional development
- To enable pupils to reflect and recognise the qualities that helps them to grow, develop and sustain positive and effective relationships

Delivery of SRE

SRE is delivered through the '*A Journey in Love*' scheme recommended by Salford Diocese. It is the school's policy that the scheme is delivered from EYFS to Year 6 over a period of one week during the school year. School staff are responsible for the delivery of the scheme; material is strictly year group specific. External

agencies and healthcare professionals may also have an input, although always in line with our school ethos and the Church's teaching.

SRE Programme content

An aspect of the mystery of love is taught in each year group; children are encouraged to marvel at the wonder and beauty of God's creative love. This is reflected through a series of progressive and developmental tasks, activities and reflections which focus on physical, social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual development.

The following themes are studied in each year group:

- Nursery- Wonder at Gods' Love
- Reception- God loves each of us in our uniqueness
- Year 1 –We meet God's Love in our family
- Year 2 –We meet God's Love in the Community
- Year 3- How we live in Love
- Year 4 - God Loves us in our differences
- Year 5 –God loves me in my changing and development
- Year 6- The wonder of God's love in creating new life

Teaching Sensitive Issues

More sensitive questions/areas will be discussed with parents, who, as the first educators of their children, will decide the best approach. Within the boundaries of the programme, we will answer all questions from children in a manner which is straightforward, honest, age and maturity appropriate and inclusive, ensuring that all children feel equally valued within the school community.

Working with Parents

Before the delivery of the SRE curriculum each year, parents are invited to a session to view resources and discuss the content of the curriculum. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from SRE lessons. When this situation arises, parent must consult with the Headteacher.

Monitoring, Assessing and Reviewing

To ensure that the policy is adhered to and is effective, it will be reviewed as required.