



BEECHEN CLIFF

2021/22

## **Relationships and Sex Education Local Procedure**

At Beechen Cliff we adhere to the key principles of the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership (MNSP) Trust RSE policy:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B5Z73cTOEMQdTVJCVU0weFZQb2s>

From September 2021 all secondary schools in England are required to teach relationship and sex education. The definition of relationship and sex education is outlined in the MNSP policy. The aim of RSE is to give young people the information they need to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds. The school's RSE programme meets the needs of all young people in the school and is developmentally appropriate. Teaching is sensitive, age appropriate and delivered by trained professionals with reference to the law; some RSE sessions are delivered by school nurses. We ensure all tools and resources do not undermine the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

The statutory requirements are outlined in the audit document, alongside when (year group and term) and where (subject and topic) they are delivered. We aim to help students understand positive effects that good relationships can have on their mental wellbeing, respecting themselves and others and enable the students to mature, build confidence and remain safe.

Due to Covid restrictions and lock down, the RSE programme 2020/21 was interrupted - we plan to cover the content for all year groups in the academic year 2021/22.

Parents are informed about RSE via the Beechen Cliff website and MNSP policy. A parents consultation on the 2021 requirements was planned, but was postponed due to Covid; this will be reviewed and take place this academic year.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE (that does not form part of the National Curriculum e.g. Science), however parents cannot withdraw from relationship education. In line with the MNSP policy, we encourage parents to discuss a withdrawal request with the school.

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