

**Ysgol Llangatwg**

# **Llangattock Church in Wales School**



## **Policy for Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)**

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At Llangattock Church in Wales School we value the importance of sex and relationship education to help and support young people through their physical, emotional and moral development. This programme is linked closely to the Policy for Personal, Social and Health Education.

We recognise the partnership of home and school, of parent and teacher, in this important area of personal development.

Sex education is a continuing, developmental process, which includes the exploration of attitudes and values and the development of skills, as well as the presentation of factual knowledge. As with all other learning, it should be gradual and matched to the child's maturity and stage of development.

Sex education teaches children to develop an awareness of, and respect for, themselves and others. It aids the development of positive self-esteem, which will help children to cope with the challenges of personal growth. It enables children to be aware of the personal choices they can make and prepares them to make responsible decisions. It is about exploring feelings and emotions and enjoying confidence in one's own ability.

As part of the sex and relationship education framework, pupils are taught about the nature and importance of family life and bringing up children. Pupils will learn about the significance of marriage and stable relationships. Care is taken that no child is stigmatised because of his or her home circumstances.

### **What is Sex and Relationship Education?**

Sex and relationship education is about physical, moral and emotional development. It is about the understanding of the importance of marriage for family life, stable and loving relationships, respect, love and care. It is also about the teaching of sex, sexuality and sexual health.

Sex and relationship education has three main elements.

1. Attitudes and values:
  - ◆ learning the importance of values and moral considerations
  - ◆ learning the value of family life, marriage and stable relationships
  - ◆ learning the value of love, respect and care.
  
2. Personal and social skills:
  - ◆ learning to manage emotions and relationships confidently and sensitively
  - ◆ developing empathy and self-respect
  - ◆ learning to make choices without prejudice
  - ◆ appreciating the consequences of choices made
  - ◆ managing conflict
  - ◆ recognising and avoiding exploitation and abuse.
  
3. Knowledge and understanding:
  - ◆ learning about and understanding physical development
  - ◆ understanding human sexuality, reproduction, sexual health, emotions and relationships.

### **The Philosophy of the School**

It is the philosophy of Llangattock Church in Wales School that all children experience a planned programme of sex and relationship education that offers them the opportunity to explore attitudes and values, and develop personal and social skills, as well as learning the facts necessary for life.

### **Aims and Objectives of the Policy**

- ◆ To reassure children of their value and self-worth, including aspects of dignity, self-respect and self-restraint.
- ◆ To nurture a responsible attitude towards personal relationships, such as aspects of mutual respect and care, and to develop sensitivity towards the needs of others encompassing fidelity and loyalty.
- ◆ To foster the ability to manage relationships in a responsible and healthy manner.
- ◆ To promote the value of loving relationships and of family life.
- ◆ To recognise that marriage is an important, but not exclusive, context for family life.
- ◆ To provide knowledge of human reproductive processes.
- ◆ To inform children on matters of personal hygiene and related health issues.
- ◆ To encourage exploration of values and moral issues, taking into account the physical and moral risks associated with certain behaviour.
- ◆ To educate against discrimination and prejudice.
- ◆ To empower children to make informed choices about their developing sexuality.

### **Areas of Responsibility**

#### **Governors**

- ◆ To ensure the legal framework is followed. This will be a standing agenda item annually. The governor with responsibility for SRE is George Smith.
- ◆ To consult with parents on the determination of the school's sex and relationship education policy.
- ◆ To implement the sex and relationship education policy through the Head Teacher.
- ◆ To implement the 'annual' reviews.
- ◆ To make, and keep up to date, a separate written statement of the school's policy with regard to Sex Education.
- ◆ To make copies of this statement available for inspection by parents of pupils registered at the school and provide a copy free of charge to any parent who requests one.
- ◆ To include a summary of the content and organisation of sex education in the School Prospectus.

### **Head Teacher**

- ◆ To implement the Sex and Relationship Education Policy.
- ◆ To ensure the policy is followed.
- ◆ To liaise with the Governors on the teaching in school.
- ◆ To liaise with parents.
- ◆ To ensure the policy is reviewed regularly.
- ◆ To disseminate information to staff.
- ◆ To respond to individual problems experienced by children, enlisting external agency support if appropriate.

### **Class Teacher**

- ◆ To prepare long- and short-term plans to include Sex and Relationship Education in the Curriculum.
- ◆ To ensure the correct resources are available.
- ◆ To respond to the individual needs of children, giving relevant support should a child be experiencing difficulties.

### **School Nurse/Health Service Specialists**

- ◆ To give support throughout the school, when appropriate
- ◆ To work with the class teacher to deliver separate lessons for Years 5 and 6

### **Policy, Formation and Consultation Process**

The policy has been written following the DfES guidelines *Sex and Relationship Education Guidance* 0166/2000.

### **Equal Opportunities**

In support of the Equal Opportunities Policy, all Llangattock Church in Wales School pupils, regardless of age, ability, gender or race, have the same opportunity to benefit from the sex education resources and teaching methods.

### **Organisation of School Sex and Relationship Education**

#### **Who Will Teach It?**

All teaching staff (class teachers) will teach sex and relationship education as part of the Science and the PSHE Curriculum. Opportunities will be provided in Years 5 and 6 for separate lessons on physical changes, conception and birth. The School Nurse will be involved in these lessons.

### **Methodology and Approach**

There will be a whole-school approach – from Reception to Year 6. The subject will be taught in a cross-curricular way, encompassing all the elements within Personal, Social and Health Education topics, as well as expanding on human relationships, human and physical development and reproduction, sexuality and the risks of sexual activity.

### **Dealing with Sensitive Issues**

Governors and teachers are in agreement that teachers should answer all children's questions relating to sex and relationship education in an open and factual way, taking into consideration the family background, culture, religious beliefs, and pupils' differing experiences. The Governors expect teachers to use their professional judgement and discretion when faced with, or answering, questions, which they deem to be of a sensitive nature, for example homosexuality, contraception or sexually transmitted diseases.

The following ground rules have been established.

- ◆ Teachers should not enter into discussions about personal issues and lifestyles.
- ◆ No one (child or adult) has to answer a personal question.
- ◆ Nobody is forced to take part in discussion.
- ◆ In discussion, teachers will promote the knowledge and use of 'accepted' names of body parts.
- ◆ Meanings of words are explained in a sensible and factual way.

### **Llangattock Church in Wales School Sex and Relationship Education Programme**

Sex and relationship education is delivered within the Science Curriculum and the four broad themes within PSHE.

1. Increasing confidence and responsibility and making the most of pupils' abilities.
2. Preparing to play an active role as citizens.
3. Embracing a healthier lifestyle.
4. Developing good relationships and respecting differences between people.

Through sex and relationship education, the children should:

- ◆ develop confidence in talking, listening and thinking about feelings and relationships
- ◆ be able to name parts of the body and describe how their bodies work
- ◆ be able to protect themselves and ask for help and support
- ◆ be prepared for puberty.

Within the Science Curriculum, the children should:

Key Stage 1:

- ◆ know that all creatures, including humans, move, feed, grow, use their senses and reproduce
- ◆ recognise the main external parts of their bodies
- ◆ know that humans and animals can produce offspring, which grow into adults
- ◆ recognise the similarities and differences between themselves and others, and treat others with sensitivity

Key Stage 2:

- ◆ know that the life processes common to humans and other animals include nutrition, growth and reproduction
- ◆ know about the main stages of the human life cycle.

\*Parents should be aware that children cannot be withdrawn from these Science lessons.

## Content for Key Stage 1 and 2

At Llangattock Church in Wales School, the Scheme of Work for sex and relationship education is taught under the following headings. Progression and continuity are built into the programme from Reception to Year 6.

<b>Relationships</b>	
<b>1. Myself as an individual</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loving, caring and supportive relationships and family life</li> <li>▪ Exploring and expressing feelings and emotions</li> <li>▪ Who cares for me?</li> <li>▪ Secrets</li> <li>▪ Promoting self-image</li> </ul>
<b>2. Myself and my friends</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Friends and friendships</li> <li>▪ Keeping safe</li> <li>▪ Feelings</li> </ul>
<b>3. Myself and the wider community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Living and working together</li> <li>▪ Safety</li> <li>▪ Similarities and differences</li> <li>▪ Valuing</li> <li>▪ Celebrating the fact that everybody is unique</li> </ul>
<b>Family Life</b>	
<b>1. Family patterns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifying key members of a family and special people in life</li> <li>▪ Describing the different roles of individuals in a family</li> <li>▪ Knowing that there are different types of family</li> <li>▪ Distinguishing between family and friendly relationships</li> <li>▪ Life cycles, birth, parenthood, childhood and adulthood</li> </ul>
<b>2. Family responsibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Birth and marriage</li> <li>▪ Parental care</li> <li>▪ Family units</li> <li>▪ Working and playing together</li> </ul>
<b>3. Family emotions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Identifying, discussing and expressing emotions</li> <li>▪ Exploring parental love</li> <li>▪ Understanding loss and separation</li> <li>▪ Interpreting visual signs of emotion</li> </ul>
<b>Growth and Development</b>	
<b>1. Self-awareness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Myself as an individual</li> <li>▪ Gender issues</li> <li>▪ Stereotypes</li> <li>▪ Physical and emotional change</li> <li>▪ Exploring developing responsibility</li> </ul>
<b>2. Physical change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understanding life cycles</li> <li>▪ Charting growth</li> <li>▪ Exploring change</li> <li>▪ Looking after my body</li> <li>▪ Changes in puberty (Years 5 and 6 only)</li> <li>▪ Sexual reproduction</li> </ul>
<b>3. New life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New life</li> <li>▪ Conception and birth</li> <li>▪ Care and responsibility</li> </ul>

### **Specific Classroom Arrangements**

When planning lessons, teachers should consider appropriate grouping in respect of pupil experience and need. Mixed-gender classes will be the norm for the younger pupils.

### **Curriculum Entitlement**

Sex and relationship education will be taught at Llangattock Church in Wales School within PSHE and Science. It is therefore not envisaged that there will be 'one-off' or isolated lessons, except when a Health Professional is invited to address the children. Children with Special Educational Needs relating to sex education, will have their needs addressed both within the class, and where appropriate, on a one-to-one basis.

### **Procedures for Reviewing the Effectiveness of the Programme**

Topics are reviewed weekly through short-term plans and each year through long-term plans. Staff and Governors review the Sex and Relationship Education Policy regularly. Parents are invited to comment at each annual review.

### **Resources and Criteria Used for their Selection**

The headteacher, in consultation with the school nurse, chooses all resources. Advice is taken from appropriate sources. Parents' comments are taken into consideration.

### **The Primary/Secondary Transition Year**

The transition year before pupils move to Secondary School is considered a crucial one at Llangattock Church in Wales School. The school supports pupils' emotional and physical development. In this year, the children will be taught, or will already have been taught:

- ◆ changes in the body related to puberty, such as periods, voice-breaking and body hair
- ◆ when these changes are likely to happen and what issues could cause young people anxiety and how they can cope
- ◆ how a baby is conceived and born.

### **Specific Issues**

#### **Child Sex Abuse Procedure**

The Child Protection Procedures as laid down by the LEA are followed. All referrals, whatever their origin, are taken seriously and considered with an open mind, which does not pre-judge the situation. The procedures adopted within the LEA area for handling cases of neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse, and failure to thrive, involving children and young persons, are based on the principle that the interests and welfare of the child or young person are of paramount importance.

Confidentiality should not prevent action being taken if the child is 'at risk'. Teachers listen sympathetically to anything a child tells them in confidence; however, if a teacher believes that a child is at risk, the appropriate people will be contacted – in accordance with the above Child Protection Procedures. A copy of this is available in school for parents.

### **Child Withdrawal Procedure**

Sex education at Llangattock Church in Wales School is taught across the Curriculum and it is not possible to separate all the sex education lessons. There will be, sometimes, specific lessons at which Health Professionals are invited to address the children in the presence of the class teacher. Notification is always sent to parents in advance. If parents wish to withdraw a child they should discuss their concerns with the Head Teacher.

In the event of a child being withdrawn from a lesson, that child is provided with appropriate, challenging work until the sex education lesson is over.

### **Complaints Procedure**

If a parent or guardian has any cause for concern about the Sex Education Policy, they should approach the Head Teacher and staff. If the concern cannot be resolved, the Governors can be contacted.

### **Procedures for the Involvement of Health Professionals and Visitors**

Visiting Health Professionals are involved in the implementation of the Sex Education Policy only after detailed consultation concerning lesson content and method of teaching. The class teacher remains in the lesson throughout.

### **Working with Parents**

Llangattock Church in Wales School seeks to work in partnership with parents through consultation and support. Parents are vital in teaching children about sex and relationships, maintaining the culture and ethos of the family, helping children to cope with the emotional and physical aspects of growing, and preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities that sexual maturity brings.

The school provides support to parents in helping children learn the accepted names of the body, talking with the children about their feelings and relationships, and answering questions about growing up, having babies, relationships and sexual health. Parents are informed in advance of any SRE sessions being held and Local Health Care Professionals are available for parents and pupils to provide any additional information and support.

The policy is available in school for all parents to inspect and details of the policy are published in the annual School Prospectus, so that parents of potential pupils are fully aware of Llangattock Church in Wales School's position in this matter. The policy is presented regularly to new parents, again with the involvement of local Health Care Professionals when needed.

### **Dissemination of the policy**

A copy can be obtained from the Head Teacher.

The policy is presented to all staff and a copy made available to them.

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•Sex and relationships education in schools Welsh Assembly Government Circular No. 0019/2010 (September 2010) provides further guidance on the delivery of SRE in schools. The guidance is available online at [www.wales.gov.uk/educationandskills](http://www.wales.gov.uk/educationandskills)