



Report on the implementation of the RSE curriculum from September 2020

Rumworth School must consult with parents and carers on changes to our relationships and sex education (RSE) policy, as detailed on page 11 of the Department for Education's guidance on RSE. This is a process we are to begin before the Easter break.

Whilst not required to, we will also consult with additional stakeholders (pupils & staff) as we develop our RSE curriculum. We recognise that RSE can be an emotive issue. There are certain topics where there may be a difference of opinion about what's appropriate to teach. Through suitable dialogue early on, we hope to alleviate the need for any difficult conversations when the curriculum is introduced.

The DFE have set out separate guidance for both primary schools and secondary schools. Due to the nature of our learners needs, Rumworth School will consider including elements of both to ensure we are pitching the content at the appropriate level for our diverse school population. Please find attached copies of both the primary and secondary school guidance.

We recognise that some of the topics detailed within the RSE curriculum are likely to be more contentious, or may need to be treated sensitively. These include:

- Menstruation
- Birth control and abortion
- LGBT+ relationships and sexual health
- Honour-based violence
- Female genital mutilation

When considering the above issues, we will frame these conversations around:

- Rumworth School's vision and values – You can do it, we will help
- Rumworth School's curriculum intent - Key theme, Independence – enabling our students to live as independently as possible
- Our knowledge of our pupils' physical, mental and emotional development
- Our knowledge of the cultural and religious backgrounds of our students and the wider community
- Our knowledge of behaviour incidents or safeguarding concerns that suggest our pupils may need certain aspects of the RSE curriculum at a particular point

Rumworth School is currently supported by the Paediatric Learning Disability Service to deliver many aspects of the RSE curriculum. We will work in ongoing partnership with this service to ensure our implementation of the RSE guidance is as efficient and effective as possible.

Following consultation with all stakeholders we will develop a comprehensive curriculum map which details how the agreed curriculum content will be delivered across all age and ability groups from September 2020.

