

Lea Valley Primary School

Sex Education (SE) Policy



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1. SEX EDUCATION

In addition to Relationships and Health Education we also cover Sex Education (Human Reproduction) in year 5 and 6 through the JIGSAW scheme of work *Changing Me*. The content of sex education includes learning about reproduction, pregnancy and birth. The lessons content is outlined below:

Year 5

Having a Baby: I can correctly label the internal and external parts of male and female bodies that are necessary for making a baby.

Year 6

Conception: I understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception and that is how babies are usually made. I also understand that sometimes people need IVF to help them have a baby

Conception: I can describe how a baby develops from conception through the nine months of pregnancy, and how it is born.

Parents are able to withdraw their child from this learning if they choose to, see 'Parents' section 3 below.

2. TEACHING AND LEARNING

All teachers have responsibility for planning and delivering SE. Teaching assistants may provide additional support, in particular for children with special educational needs. Everyone involved in the teaching of SE will follow the school policy.

A number of strategies will be used to talk about topics in an age-appropriate way.

- Establishing ground rules with pupils;
- Using 'distancing' techniques (eg. Case studies)
- The provision of a 'question box' during each planned session
- Dealing with children's questions in an appropriate manner
- Using discussion and appropriate materials; and role play
- Encouraging reflection.

3. RIGHT TO WITHDRAW

Whilst we always try to work with parents to explore their views, we also accept that parents can exercise their right to withdraw their child from the sex education elements of our programme (other than that which comes within the Science curriculum).

There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education.

Parents can exercise their right to withdraw their child from sex education in year 5/6. This must be in writing and addressed to the Headteacher. The children, who are withdrawn from SE, will be sent to another class with appropriate work.