

Theale Green School



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Dear Parents/Carers

Early Adopter School

We are very excited to announce that Theale Green School has become an 'Early Adopter School' of the new statutory Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum.

The aim of RSE is to give young people the information needed to help them develop healthy, nurturing relationships of all kinds, not just intimate relationships. It should enable them to know what a healthy relationship looks like and what makes a good friend, a good colleague and a successful marriage or other type of committed relationship. It should also cover contraception, developing intimate relationships and resisting pressure to have sex (and not applying pressure). It should teach what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviours in relationships.

This will help students understand the positive effects that good relationships have on their mental wellbeing, identify when relationships are not right and understand how such situations can be managed.

Effective RSE does not encourage early sexual experimentation. It should teach young people to understand human sexuality and to respect themselves and others. It enables young people to mature, build their confidence and self-esteem and understand the reasons for delaying sexual activity. Effective RSE also supports people, throughout life, to develop safe, fulfilling and healthy sexual relationships, at the appropriate time.

All schools will need to embed the RSE curriculum by September 2020, by becoming an Early Adopter School we have said we are committed to introducing the curriculum during this academic year. The RSE curriculum will be delivered through a variety of subjects including PSHE, Ethics and Philosophy, ICT and tutor time activities.

In order to prepare for launching the curriculum in the new year, we will be asking parents to share their thoughts and opinions. These will be taken into consideration as we develop a whole school curriculum which is age appropriate and a new RSE policy. Updates, including links to questionnaires, will come out via the parent bulletin, so please watch out for these.



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If you would like to learn more about the changes to RSE and what this means for your child, please visit the following links:

Frequently asked questions about RSE: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-fags>

Understanding RSE Parental Leaflet with Curriculum Information:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812594/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

If you have any questions regarding the PSHE or RSE curriculum at Theale Green, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email scartland@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk .

Kind Regards

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