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## NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION POLICY (SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS)

#### 1. Purpose of Policy

The overall key aim is that each pupil will develop the skills and knowledge to make decisions to keep themselves safe and aware of aspects around them. Decisions about how they relate to others can only be made if they have adequate knowledge and understanding of their own physical and emotional development. This is not a task for the school in isolation, and we seek to work with parents to ensure the teaching of health and sex education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents will be informed about the teaching of sex education before it commences in the form of an informal presentation, so they are aware of the content. Parents have a right to withdraw their children from the topic, but school will advise there ought to be some form of health and sex education to all children.

#### 2. Relationship to other policies

Sex education forms an integral part of the curriculum, and the schemes of work for science, citizenship, and personal, social and health education (PSHE), and relates to child protection.

#### 3. Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff and governors

The **Board of Governors** will:

- Ensure sex education is included in the school curriculum. They will consider what it consists of and how it should be organised.
- Ensure this policy is kept up to date, and make it available to parents.
- Ensure health and sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage/ civil partnership.

The **Headteacher** will ensure that:

- The Board is advised about the nature and organisation of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school.
- Training is provided for staff to secure a consistent interpretation of school policy
- Sex education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life and the importance of marriage.
- Pupils are protected from inappropriate teaching materials.
- A scheme of work is appropriate and implemented.
- Parents are informed about the programme for sex education before the topic commences.
- Links are established and maintained with other agencies to ensure appropriate support and guidance are accessible to pupils, staff and parents/carers.

**Staff** who teach sex and relationships education are expected to:

- Provide sex education in accordance with this policy and in a way, which encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life.
- Participate in training to provide sex education in line with the school curriculum policy
- Implement the agreed scheme of work.
- Draw to the attention of the headteacher any materials, which they consider to be inappropriate.
- Respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents wish them to be withdrawn from sex education.

**4. Arrangements for monitoring and evaluation**

The head teacher will provide an overall brief on the implementation of the scheme of work once each year in July, together with a record of parental and pupil complaints, the number of pupils withdrawn from lessons, and the number of teachers and other staff involved in training on sex and relationships education.

The policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed .....Chair of Governors

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