



**Chandos Primary School
Relationships and Health Education Curriculum
Consultation Feedback**



Tuesday 22nd June to Monday 5th July

Conduct of consultation

1. Information and invite shared with all parents and carers Monday 21 July
2. Consultation opened 22 June
3. Paper and online responses collected from 22 June to 5 July
4. Parent Forum held on 28 June
5. Consultation closed 5 July

Follow up conversation were conducted by senior and pastoral staff to address any questions or concerns raised by responding parent/carers from 28 June to 9 July

Information shared

The following information was shared electronically and posted on the school website. Links were also shared through our weekly newsletter.

- Parent letter/invite
- Draft school RHE Policy
- Elliot RHE Policy
- Overview of RHE curriculum
- Medium Term Planning and individual Lesson Planning
- DfE information translated into a number of languages

Paper copies of the school policy, covering letter, simple questionnaire and request to attend Forum were shared with all families

Responses received

Approximately 20% of current school families did respond. 80% did not respond. 52 responses (23 online, 29 paper) out of 281 current school families.

	I have received adequate information about RHE		I support the school aims for RHE		I believe RHE will benefit my child		I know who to speak to about RHE	
	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree	Agree	Disagree
Initial response	58%	42%	53%	47%	49%	51%	51%	49%
Following Parent Forum & discussion with staff	93%		95%		91%		95%	

Further information requested:

Presentation to parents	32 requests
Opportunities to see teaching plans	24
Termly topic summaries	27
Recommended websites and resources	27

Parent Forum

Attendees	
Parents & Carers	39 invites requested 26 parents attended
Elliot Foundation Academies Trust	Hugh Greenway, CEO TEFAT Jem Shuttleworth, Dir Governance and Policy TEFAT Madison Gough, Governance/Policy TEFAT
Chandos Primary	James Allan, Head Teacher Gill Devlin, Assistant Head Teacher Harjit Kaur, Family Support

Notes from the Forum discussion

Presentation was shared by Mr Allan explaining the nature of the consultation on the RHE policy and curriculum. Overview of the curriculum and policy shared. This included clarification that Health and Relationships Curriculum is required to be taught by all schools and is mandatory from September 2021.

Reminders were shared of where the detailed planning was available on the school website. If further information is required, parents/carers were asked to approach the head teacher, any member of the leadership team or the RHE Lead, Miss Smith (Year 3 teacher).

Miss Cockell talked through the main content of RHE curriculum. The school curriculum will follow the recommended Birmingham Local Authority curriculum. A range of resources will be used, recommended by Birmingham Local Authority.

It was also explained that as part of the consultation the school is proposing they will **not** teach the optional Sex Education Curriculum (How Children Are Made/Born) that can be taught in Year 6.

Mr Allan then opened the discussion for questions.

Questions asked are noted below with the school response:

Question raised	Response
<p>Will Sex Education be led by external partners or teachers?</p>	<p>Chandos will NOT be teaching Sex Education. External partners may work with teachers to support other parts of the curriculum. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the school nurse may meet with a particular child/family • or the police may visit a class to support the learning (eg Risks of criminality/County Lines in Y5/6)
<p>How will teachers be prepared to provide the teaching of RHE?</p>	<p>School has been reviewing their teaching of the curriculum over the last 18 months. Much of what is in the RHE curriculum is already being taught through Science, Computing, Religious Education and our Personal/Social/Moral/Economic curriculum. Teachers will have support available from specialist teachers from across the Elliot Foundation as well as advice and training available from the Local Authority.</p>
<p>At what age will Sex Education begin? How old will the children be?</p>	<p>Chandos will NOT be teaching Sex Education to any children. Relationships and Health curriculum will be taught to all children from Year 1 to Year 6</p>
<p>What kind of books and resources will be used to support the teaching? Love Rocks? P4C?</p>	<p>The resources we use will be from the recommended Birmingham RHE curriculum. We are in the process of ordering these for next term. The resources are also detailed on the lesson plans available on our school website. All resources and plans will be shared with parents through a series of parent workshops, led by our teachers, during the first half of next term, before teaching of RHE begins in classes.</p>
<p>Policy refers to external agencies supporting school; resources generated with parents.</p> <p>The outcomes are rather broad.</p> <p>Can you give more detail?</p>	<p>The RHE curriculum is required to be taught by law in all schools. The required content and outcomes of the curriculum has already been confirmed by the DfE. Up to 6 lessons are taught in each year group over the year. Recommended detailed planning (from Birmingham LA) is available on our website. Recommended teaching materials will be available for all to see. Suggestions of how to support the learning at home will be shared – with suggested links to websites and resources. An ongoing dialogue will be maintained with parents/carers as to how we can continue to work</p>

	<p>together to ensure all our children are happy and safe. Additional support may come in the form of teachers, for example, working with police, fire service, ambulance or school nurse to contribute to class activities.</p>
<p>How much of a role do parents/carers have in designing the curriculum with the school?</p>	<p>We propose a series of workshops in the first half of Autumn Term to ensure all parents and carers fully understand what we are teaching and how. Suggestions on how teaching can be adapted will be welcomed</p> <p>Termly updates can be provided for all families.</p> <p>Specific parent briefings are arranged prior to particular sessions, for example Love Rocks (Year 5&6 Friendships and Safety Online) and Puberty talks (Y5&6)</p>
<p>It is another subject to teach in September. How will schools manage this? Will we see the resources? Can we have workshops?</p>	<p>Much of what is taught in RHE is already being taught in school as part of other subjects. It will not place additional demands on teaching time.</p> <p>All resources will be shared with parents when available next term.</p> <p>First half of Autumn Term we will run workshops for all parents to get a clear understanding of what their child will be taught in each year group.</p>
<p>Can I remove my child from RHE lessons?</p>	<p>You are not allowed to remove your child from Relationships and Health Education. It is a legally required part of the National Curriculum.</p> <p>Talk to us if you are worried. Parents will be fully informed prior to sensitive subjects like puberty being discussed with your child.</p>
<p>Can I remove my child from Sex Education?</p>	<p>You are allowed to remove your child from Sex Education. However Chandos is NOT teaching Sex Education so this option will not be required.</p>
<p>How might the school nurse be used to help teachers/pupils?</p>	<p>School nurse may speak with a parent about the needs of their child during puberty. We can make a referral if there is a medical need or concern.</p>
<p>How will parents of a Muslim background be supported?</p>	<p>Parents/carers of all faiths/beliefs and cultural backgrounds will be supported in clearly understanding the content of the curriculum.</p> <p>If you have any questions or worries please speak to any member of the leadership team. We are very keen to avoid any misunderstanding or confusion.</p> <p>We have also shared our policy and curriculum with local faith leaders in Birmingham.</p>

<p>Can teachers express an opinion?</p>	<p>Teachers follow the national curriculum, objectively and pragmatically. If children raise particular questions they will always be managed in a sensitive and age appropriate manner. If any concerns arise these will be shared with parents/carers.</p>
<p>Will pupils' religious views be taken into account?</p>	<p>We will consider the needs of all our children and families, irrespective of their specific cultural background or religious beliefs.</p> <p>Sensitivity will always be shown towards any worries that a parent may rise. It is essential that any parent or carer who is worried and has a question they speak with a member of the leadership team, or Mr Allan. It is important that any possibility for confusion can be avoided.</p>
<p>Will my child be taught about how to be gay? They are too young to understand.</p>	<p>We will follow the recommended national curriculum for Relationships and Health Education.</p> <p>There is no specific teaching or promotion of LGBT. When we discuss families we make clear they can be different (eg: Mum and Dad, single Mum or Dad, two Mums, two Dads, cared for by grandparents other members of family, mixed race families, interfaith families) and that's ok. All are equal and protected by law.</p>
<p>What kind of relationships will they be taught?</p>	<p>To be kind, compassionate and caring to one another, to respect each other's feelings and beliefs, to speak with care taking responsibility for their choices and how they may affect others.</p> <p>In short - what we have always taught our children through our school rules and values!</p>
<p>Can we have copies of the lesson plans that will be taught?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>We will arrange for a series of workshops in the first half of the Autumn Term for each year group. The teachers will share the resources, plans and model particular aspects of the teaching for parents.</p> <p>Additional resources will also be shared to enable parents to support their child's learning and discussions with parents at home.</p>
<p>If Sex Education does happen in the future, will you let us know?</p>	<p>If there is to be any change in the proposed Relationships and Health Education curriculum to include Sex Education (How babies are made) this would be consulted on in full with all parents and carers.</p>

Outcomes

Initial responses demonstrated that approximately 50% of parent/carers who did respond were uncomfortable about aspects of the RHE curriculum.

Following the Parent Forum and conversations with leaders/pastoral staff with all concerned parent/carers the vast majority of concerns were addressed. Over 95% of respondents were happy with the proposals.

Biggest issue has been the language barrier and access to range of materials in wide range of languages.

The vast majority of responders were happy with proposed Policy and Curriculum subject to September workshops for all parents to demonstrate and model teaching of RHE

Next steps

RHE Policy and Curriculum

- The draft RHE Policy will be adopted in full and published on school website from 19th July 2021

Parent Workshops

- We were unable to deliver onsite workshop as part of the consultation due to Covid-19 restrictions.
- Parent workshops will be held for each year group in September 2021, before any specific RHE teaching begins.
- Teachers will share all resources and explain and model each lesson that will be delivered to each year group

Half Termly Curriculum Updates

- Information will be shared half termly of the planned curriculum for each year group.
- This will include details of planned RHE teaching and learning activities.
- Parents in Year 5 and 6 will be informed of planned puberty talks. A briefing for parents will be held prior to the teaching taking place.

Parent/Carer Engagement

- We will revisit RHE curriculum in the Summer Term 2022 through the Parent Forum.
- Get feedback from parents/carers about impact of RHE and how school can further develop parental role in keeping our child happy and safe, eg: resources to use at home, links on internet, workshops/training.