



Lubavitch MAT School Policy on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)

Details of the Department for Education's (DfE) guidelines can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs?utm_source=2b45920e-083a-44ad-9c3f-16fed9168d3f&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate

NB: *The Primary School will not be introducing sex education. The DfE, in its document of 29 April 2019 'Government response: Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education: FAQs' has stated as follows:*

Q: *Will my child be taught sex education at primary? This is too young.*

A: *We are not introducing compulsory sex education at primary school.*

In compliance with the Department for Education's guidance on Sex and Relationships Education (SRE), we aim to consult with all parents (in April 2010) before teaching Relationships education:

*'Schools will be required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Effective consultation gives the space and time for parents to input, ask questions, share concerns and for the school to decide the way forward. Schools will listen to parent's views, and then make a reasonable decision as to how they wish to proceed. **What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content.***

Details of these subjects and examples of the resources we plan to use in lessons will be ready on our website by January 2020.

As a faith school, we at Lubavitch MAT feel that it is important to deliver Relationships Education in consonance with the religious and cultural backgrounds of our pupils and their families. The DfE is sensitive to this:

*'In all schools, when teaching these subjects, **the religious background of pupils must be taken into account when planning teaching**, so that topics are appropriately handled. **Schools with a religious character can build on the core content by reflecting their beliefs in their teaching.***

The school is committed to compliance with DfE guidelines. As such, the guideline clearly states:

'Parents will have a right to withdraw their child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, should be granted up to three terms before their child turns 16. At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.'

Any parents who wish to withdraw their child(ren) from sex education lessons should complete the form 'Right To Withdraw My Child(Ren) From Sex Education' (available online or from the school office) and return it to Mrs Freeman.

Should a pupil, up to three terms before 16, wish to receive sex education, the school will provide it. This will be arranged within the school at a time allocated by Mrs Freeman.

In accordance with statutory legislation for secondary schools, pupils will be taught about the society in which they are growing up. These subjects are designed to foster respect for others and for differences, and educate pupils about healthy relationships. This will necessarily include LGBT relationships but, in accordance with *Halacha* (Jewish Law), and with respect to the wishes of parents, we will not be *promoting* LGBT relationships; rather we will simply make pupils aware of the existence of them and the need to respect others for their beliefs and backgrounds. As quoted in the DfE document:

'Q: Will these subjects promote LGBT relationships?

A: No, these subjects don't 'promote' anything, they educate.'

As with all subjects taught at Lubavitch MAT, our aim is to inspire our pupils to become true and responsible representatives of Torah Judaism and Chabad Chassidism, both locally and in the wider community, as expounded in the teachings of the Lubavitch Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of blessed memory.



'Right To Withdraw My Child(Ren) From Sex Education'

In accordance with the DfE guidance document of 29 April 2019 '*Government response: Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education: FAQs*' I/We wish to exercise my/our right as parent(s) of:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

Child's name:

to be withdrawn from sex education in lessons.

Name:

Date:

Signature(s):

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