

Relationships and Sexuality Education

Policy Statement

In, Gaelscoil de hÍde, we aim to help children develop skills for life and grow into mature and confident young people. In keeping with this, the aim of Relationships and Sexuality Education will be to teach the truths of human relationships and sexuality in a way that is child centred, supportive of parents as their child's first teacher and reflective of the live giving message of our faith tradition

Policy Points:

- ✚ Gaelscoil de hÍde recognises that, in this area above all, its role is subsidiary to that of the parents
 - ✚ Parents will be informed by letter regarding the content of the Relationships and Sexuality programme. This will give parents the opportunity to discuss matters with their own child first
 - ✚ The specifics of human sexuality will be dealt with in sixth class. A guest speaker will be invited to give this information. Parents should accompany children at this meeting.
 - ✚ Puberty and body changes will be explained to fifth class pupils
 - ✚ The aim of RSE in this school is to reflect a Christian view of human life and human relationships
 - ✚ The RSE programme will be presented as planned by the Department of Education, i.e in the context of Social, Personal and Health Education. The Catholic ethos of the school will determine how the programme is presented
 - ✚ Gaelscoil de hÍde will introduce its RSE in an age appropriate manner, linking Social, Personal and Health Education the Stay Safe Programme and Religious Education. Children will continue to be taught lessons in respect, self-esteem, love and relationship development across all subjects they study
 - ✚ If parents do not want their children to participate in the RSE Class, the school must be notified in writing of this decision. Arrangements will then be made for the supervision of the child
 - ✚ A teacher's right, as guaranteed by the Department of Education, to choose not to teach RSE will be upheld in this school
 - ✚ Relationships and Sexuality Education progress in our school will be reviewed annually by the principal, teachers, school policy group and Board of Management.
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I have read the RSE school policy document

Signed/Síniúthe _____

Date _____

(Parents/Guardian)