

Townley School

SEX EDUCATION POLICY

AIMS

1. To encourage the development of self-esteem and confidence in one's ability to make positive choices about relationships.
2. To promote an understanding of the early stages of sexual development.
3. To foster understanding of the importance of loving, caring relationships based on respect for others.

OBJECTIVES

1. To present information appropriate to the age group, thus enabling children to meet the challenges and changes of maturation with knowledge and confidence.
2. To offer sensitive and appropriate support when required.
3. To base all teaching on the understanding that physical and emotional development are interlinked, and the exploration of personal feelings and relationships is the foundation on which to build early sexual understanding.

CONTENT

All groups will follow the 'Me and My Relationships' modules in the Cambridgeshire PHSE + Citizenship scheme of work during the summer term each year.

The staff and governors of Townley School realise it to be their responsibility to provide sex education for pupils.

In addition the class teacher and school nurse deliver the following programme to pupils:

- Year 5: Pupils see a video and discuss personal hygiene, including products related to changes that take place during puberty. They also see a video about puberty followed by discussion.

Year 6: All further sex education this year is in mixed gender groups. Children will view three BBC programmes on puberty and conception, which will be followed by discussion.

In all lessons the adults present will deal with non personal questions openly and honestly. Children will also be able to speak to a member of staff privately, or submit written questions if they prefer.

It is intended that all pupils will attend these classes, but parents/guardians have the right to withdraw their children from sex education lessons if they wish.

In order that parents are able to make an informed choice on whether to give or withhold permission, there will be an annual meeting at which video material may be viewed and any queries or concerns dealt with.