

RHE Consultation Whole Scheme of Work September 2021

Dear Families,

The government has issued new guidance about the way that we teach Relationships and Health Education (RHE) which was launched by the DFE in June 2019 to become compulsory from September.

Implementation was delayed to Summer 2021 due to the pandemic.

Sheffield's response to this was developed by a task group, which was a partnership between SCC, Learn Sheffield, SAYiT, SHU, DECSY and a range of other third sector and health partners.

Thus, Sheffield has developed a scheme of work and training for school leaders, co-ordinators and teachers in the primary phase. The Sheffield scheme of work has now been approved via the consultation process with various community and faith leaders.

Coit and Ecclesfield RHE curriculum complements and builds on the existing science and PSHE curriculum as well as aspects of spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC) that have always been an important part of the curriculum at Coit and Ecclesfield Primary School. We see the new aspects of the RHE curriculum as an opportunity to build on our curriculum around areas such as respect for different cultures, diversity, tolerance and inclusion of different groups in our society.

It is also an opportunity to reflect the different cultures that make up our schools by involving our families even more in annual cultural and religious festivals.

Although there are no significant changes to the way that both schools will approach these areas, we will be undergoing a consultation with our school communities in the first two weeks of the Autumn term to share the whole of the Sheffield Scheme of Work with parents and carers. The purpose of this is so that parents and carers gain an understanding of what this curriculum offers and to provide an opportunity to show how the curriculum reflects the broad values, cultural and religious beliefs and diversity of all stakeholders in our school.

This is the second part of our consultation. Both schools have already offered Y4, Y5 and Y6 parents and carers the opportunity to attend workshops to look at the puberty units of the scheme of work, videos, lessons and resources in June 2021.

RHE Lessons are about:

- Families and friendships
- Forming healthy relationships
- Physical health and mental wellbeing
- Exploring personal identity and emotions
- Identifying stereotypes and prejudice
- Reducing discrimination and bullying
- Celebrating diversity and promoting equity
- Learning about community and governance
- Understanding nationality and belonging
- Exploring cultures, traditions and religious perspectives
- Understanding puberty (physical and mental changes)
- Sex education (optional in year six)*

Please use the google link in this letter to:

- Ask any questions about the new RHE curriculum and how school will implement it at Coit/Ecclesfield Primary
- Make suggestions for ways in which we can enhance the understanding of cultural aspects in our curriculum
- Express an interest in being part of the 'focus groups' in the Autumn Term 2021

Focus group aims:

- View our long term school plan
- Look in detail at some of the resources
- Review our RHE policy
- Become acquainted with age related vocabulary

Google form Link

<https://forms.gle/EvCQSSH2edVkJWM58>

Your feedback is valued and we want to utilise this as an opportunity to enhance what we already do.

Yours sincerely,

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