



IVY CHIMNEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS POLICY

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At Ivy Chimneys School we firmly believe that sex education is best dealt with by the parents/carers within the child's own family. However we also recognise that not all children have that advantage of a stable and caring family background, and that not all parents will feel able to cope with this aspect of a child's development without some kind of help and support. We therefore see this aspect of the curriculum as a continuation of our policy of school and parent working together in partnership for the benefit of the child, but, in this instance, with the emphasis placed upon the parent.

Our approach to sex education can be described in the following way:-

- Any sex education which takes place within the school is dealt with in a sensitive manner and presented within the context of family life, of loving relationships and of respect for others.
- Class topics, which are part of the whole school curriculum plan, are carefully structured and monitored by the class teacher, and during the course of a year, it is planned that the opportunity to include aspects of sex education will arise on several occasions. Children's questions are always honestly answered, using correct terminology, at a level which is appropriate for the stage of development of the individual or the group concerned.

1.0 **Key Stage 1**

- 1.1 By the end of Key Stage 1, most children will have gained some awareness of growth, reproduction, birth and death, through topic work and through their own experience of day-to-day happenings within the home and school.

2.0 **Key Stage 2**

- 2.1 At Key Stage 2 there will be a steady progression towards more detailed knowledge and understanding of the working of their bodies, and the ways in which the children can take more responsibility for their own health and well-being.
- 2.2 A growing number of resources are available such as books, pamphlets and videos that parents can borrow. We aim to update and improve these, as, and when, suitable items are produced.
- 2.3 Towards the end of Year 6 more formal sessions will be arranged in school, using a Channel 4 resource. This is available for parents to borrow, either as a preview, or to watch together with their child at home.
- 2.4 Parents are informed when formal sessions will be taking place and are able to withdraw their child if they wish to do so.