

SEX EDUCATION POLICY

At Meon Junior School we believe that all children should be given equal opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and understanding of facts to prepare them for adulthood. To enable them to make decisions about caring about their health and others.

We aim

- To combat ignorance and misconceptions about sexual issues and increase an understanding
- To present a Sex Education programme in an objective and factual manner
- To enable pupils to understand a range of sexual attitudes and behaviours in the present day
- To know what is legal or illegal
- To make informed, reasoned and responsible decisions and attitudes
- For teachers to answer questions which have arisen from the sessions, using language and concepts to the age and understanding of the children and in a delicate way
- That children will be encouraged to have due regard to moral considerations
- To teach the value of family life and relationships
- To help pupils appreciate the value of stable family life, marriage and responsibilities of parenthood

SEX EDUCATION - GUIDELINES

Presentation of Materials

- Calm, happy atmosphere
- Children will be in mixed gender classes
- The teaching team will present the materials
- All Teaching Staff will be made aware of when the programme is being taught to avoid interruptions

Cross-Curriculum Links

- Science - How the Body Works - Year 5 and Year 6
- Taking responsibility for oneself and others

Parents

- Have a right for their child to be withdrawn from Sex Education, but not areas of reproduction covered in Science.
- Parents will be informed by letter in advance of the lessons taking place to give time to view the resources and exercise their right to withdraw their child.
- Withdrawal must be in writing to the Head and a discussion to take place in case the withdrawal is based upon lack of knowledge of the programme provided.

Resources/Activities

- Channel 4 DVD - living and growing
- Follow-up informal discussion about the DVD and questions raised
- Box - where questions may be asked over the two weeks anonymously. Questions then discussed
- Topics covers:
 - Year 5
 - Hygiene
 - Puberty (changes in boys & girls)
 - Year 6
 - Revision of Y5 puberty
 - Relationships
 - Conception
 - Birth

Further Government/HCC /Guidelines

- See Circular No. 5/94, Education Act 1993: 'Sex Education in Schools'
- 'Guidelines - Sex Education in Hampshire Schools'. Hampshire County Council or PCC Guidelines. Available online.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Child sexual abuse - procedures of PCC Social Services will be followed
- No contraceptive advice. Speak to Headteacher to avoid this discussion