

PSHE & RSE Policy

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Outstanding Achievement for All

The PSHE and RSE policy at the Ambitions Academies Trust is informed by the DfE guidance:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Respectful School Communities
- Behaviour and Discipline in Schools
- Equalities Act 2010
- SEND code of practice: 0 to 25 years]
- Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools
- Preventing and Tackling Bullying including cyberbullying
- Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools
- The Equality and Human Rights Commission Advice and Guidance
- Promoting Fundamental British Values as part of SMSC in schools

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AIMS OF PSHE

Ambitions Academies Trust aims to teach Personal, Social and Health Education using a whole-school approach with the aim of creating a community and environment that respects, supports and encourages each pupil.

Under section 78 of the Education Act 2002 and the Academies Act 2010, the PSHE curriculum must

- Promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society.
- Prepare pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

Ambitions Academies Trust takes a comprehensive approach towards PSHE, providing a programme which offers a diligently devised Scheme of Work across all year groups supporting the development and learning capacity of each pupil.

PSHE makes a significant contribution to the promotion of young people's personal and social development. This is an essential aspect of education, supporting learning across all curriculum areas. Through the promotion of PSHE, skills are developed that our pupils need in order for them to grow and flourish as individuals and members of society. Studying PSHE contributes to helping children and young people to build their personal identities, confidence and self-esteem. It helps them to make career choices, understand managing their finances and what influences their decision-making process. PSHE enables them to recognise and manage their emotions and to communicate positively in a range of different scenarios. Overall, the PSHE curriculum at Ambitions Academies Trust supports the 'Personal Development' and 'Behaviour and Attitude' aspects required under the Ofsted Inspection Framework, as well as contributing significantly to the Safeguarding and Equality Duties, the Government's British Values agenda and the Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural (SMSC) opportunities provided to all pupils.

STATUTORY RSE AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Relationships education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, made under section 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, make Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) compulsory for all pupils receiving secondary education.

"Today's children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way."

"This is why we have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools in England and Relationships and Sex Education compulsory in all secondary schools, as well as making Health Education compulsory in all state-funded schools."

“In primary schools, we want the subjects to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online. This will sit alongside the essential understanding of how to be healthy. At secondary, teaching will build on the knowledge acquired at primary and develop further pupils’ understanding of health, with an increased focus on risk areas such as drugs and alcohol, as well as introducing knowledge about intimate relationships and sex.”

“These subjects represent a huge opportunity to help our children and young people develop. The knowledge and attributes gained will support their own, and others’ wellbeing and attainment and help young people to become successful and happy adults who make a meaningful contribution to society.”

Secretary of State Foreword, Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. DfE Guidance 2019 p.4-5.

“Schools are free to determine how to deliver the content set out in the DfE guidance 2019 in the context of a broad and balanced curriculum. Effective teaching in these subjects will ensure that core knowledge is broken down into units of manageable size and communicated clearly to pupils, in a carefully sequenced way, within a planned programme of lessons.”

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. DfE Guidance p.8

“All schools must have in place a written policy for Relationships and Sex Education.”

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. DfE Guidance p.11.

The DfE Guidance 2019 at secondary school level relates to the ‘intimate and sexual relationships, including sexual health’ section of the guidance and includes:

- Facts about reproductive health
- Facts about the full range of contraceptive choices
- How sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including HIV/AIDS are transmitted
- How to get further advice, including how and where to access confidential sexual and reproductive health advice and treatment
- Consent and the law

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education. DfE Guidance page29

Ambitions Academies Trust include the statutory Relationships, Sex and Health Education within the PSHE curriculum as our pupils need help and advice to help them develop healthy relationships, not just those of an intimate nature, but of all kinds.

We aim to help them understand what a healthy relationship looks like and teach them what is and is not acceptable behaviour. We want to enable our pupils to understand and respect who they are and empower them with a voice which enables them to act according to their beliefs and that supports them throughout their lives.

SAFEGUARDING AND RESPONSIBILITY

PSHE and RSE work with pupils' real-life experiences and it is key that both staff and pupils are protected in these lessons. A safe and supportive environment is created using ground rules;

- Listen to each other (only one person talks at a time)
- Keep to time
- Challenge the statement; not the individual making it
- The 'right' not to answer questions
- No personal questions to be asked by pupils or teachers
- If giving an example, make it anonymous.
- Everyone has a right to his or her own space.
- Right to Privacy.

Many issues covered in PSHE and RSE are of a sensitive nature. The ground rules provide a safe working environment for both pupils and staff. All staff at the Ambitions Academies Trust receive safeguarding training.

Due to nature of the topics covered in the PSHE and RSE education programmes, all teachers are made aware of the Ambitions Academies Trust guidelines on confidentiality and disclosure. The boundaries around confidentiality are made explicit to learners.

EQUALITY

The PSHE and RSE policy at Ambitions Academies Trust promotes respect and value for each individual pupil. The DfE Guidance 2019 (p.15) states, "Schools should ensure that the needs of all pupils are appropriately met, and that all pupils understand the importance of equality and respect. Schools must ensure they comply with the relevant provisions of the Equality Act 2010 under which sexual orientation and gender reassignment are amongst the protected characteristics. Schools within the Trust are free to determine how and when they teach the pupils about LGBT content (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) and all pupils are taught the LGBT content at a timely point as part of the curriculum.

At Ambitions Academies Trust, we respect the right of pupils, their families and our staff, to hold beliefs, religious or otherwise, and understand that sometimes these may be different with our approach to some aspects of RSE and Health Education.

SEND

Ambitions Academies Trust prides itself on its inclusive policy and how we make provision for all pupils' needs. This is no exception for PSHE and RSE. High quality teaching is differentiated and personalised to meet the needs of all pupils.

ASSESSING

As with any learning, the assessment of pupils' PSHE and RSE is important as it enables the teacher to gauge their progress and it also informs the development of the lessons. Pupils do not pass or fail this area of learning, but have the opportunity to reflect upon their personal learning experience, set goals, and record their understanding in a range of ways; posters, leaflets, reflective diaries etc. Their progress is also monitored during class discussions, group work, questionnaires / surveys and peer assessment. Pupil voice is also used to adapt and amend material for PSHE and RSE and ensure it is relevant and effective to both our learners and wider community.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Academies Advisory Committee

The PSHE and RSE policy will be approved by Ambitions Academies Trust governing body and they will hold the Principals to account for its implementation.

The Principal

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that PSHE and RSE is taught consistently across the school.

It is also their responsibility to manage any requests to withdraw pupils from non-statutory components of RSE

Staff

The staff across Ambitions Academies Trust are responsible for:

- The delivery of PSHE and RSE in a sensitive way
- Modelling positive attitudes to PSHE and RSE
- Monitoring progress
- Responding to the needs of individual pupils

Responding appropriately to pupils whose parents / carers wish them to be withdrawn from the non-statutory components of RSE

Staff do not have the right to opt out of teaching RSE. Staff who have concerns about teaching RSE are encouraged to discuss this with the Principal.

Pupils

There is an expectation that all pupils across the Ambitions Academies Trust fully engage in PSHE and RSE and follow the ground rules (as specified above) thus ensuring they treat others with respect and sensitivity.

Parents

All parents have access to the PSHE and RSE policy and are invited to feedback directly to the school and participate with surveys and questionnaires as part of our consultation process.

PARENTS RIGHT TO WITHDRAW FROM RSE

Primary schools

Parents' do not have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education.

Parents' have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE. Students are not able to be withdrawn from the 'Health Education' topics within the new curriculum. Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 2 of this policy and addressed to the Principal. Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

Secondary schools

Parents' have the right to withdraw their child from the non-statutory components of sex education within RSE up to and until 3 terms before the child turns 16. After this point, if the child wished to receive sex education rather than being withdrawn, the school will arrange this. Students are not able to be withdrawn from the 'Health Education' topics within the new curriculum.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in Appendix 2 of this policy and addressed to the Principal.

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record. The Principal will discuss the request with the parents and take appropriate action. Alternative work will be given to pupils who are withdrawn from sex education.

VISITORS

Ambitions Academies Trust value working with external partners as they enhance the delivery of PSHE and RSE with specialist knowledge and different ways of engaging our pupils. As part of the PSHE and RSE educational package, outside visitors will be invited to deliver appropriate sessions to pupils within the Trust.

All visitors are subject to the Trust's Child Protection and Safeguarding policy and the credentials of visiting organisations and any visitors linked to external agencies are always checked. The Trust also ensures that the teaching delivered by visitors fits with the planned programme of study. The content of lessons provided by external agencies is age appropriate and accessible for all pupils and is approved by the school in advance of delivery.

As with all PSHE and RSE lessons, The Trust will ensure that guest speakers / visitors are aware of the confidentiality and safeguarding policy. Any matters reported by visitors to the lead teacher will be dealt with in line with the Trust's Safeguarding Policy

CURRICULUM DESIGN

Our curriculum is set out as per Appendix 1 but we may need to adapt it as and when necessary.

We have developed the curriculum in consultation with parents, pupils and staff, taking into account the age, needs and feelings of pupils. If pupils ask questions outside the scope of this policy, teachers will respond in an appropriate manner so they are fully informed and don't seek answers online.

Appendix 1: Curriculum Outline

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
T1	<p><u>Living in the Wider World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Aspirations L2 - Self Esteem L3 - Wants and needs L4 - Racism and Stereotypes L5 - Safer Social Media L6 - Being a resilient student L7 - Finance - Ethical Consumers 	<p><u>Relationships: RSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Consent L2 - Contraception L3 - Dangers of pornography L4 - Sexting and Images L5 - STI's L6 - Male Body Image L7 - Domestic conflict 	<p><u>Relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Eating Disorders L2 - Body Image L3 - CSE L4 - Abusive relationships L5 - Peer pressure L6 - BV: Religion and Culture L7 - BV: Identity L8 - LGBTQI+ 	<p><u>Health Living and Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Grief and Bereavement L2 - Suicide L3 - Managing Social Anxiety L4 - Social media and Self Esteem L5 - Screen Time L6 - Study Skills L7 - WEX and CV Skills 	<p><u>Healthy Living and choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - What is Success? L2 - Identity and Diversity L3 - Obesity and Body Positive L4 - Privilege L5 - Fertility and Health L6 - Fertility and Health L7 - What is CPR
T2	<p><u>Living in the Wider World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Finance - In and out L2 - Finance - Budgeting L3 - Finance - Budgeting L4 - Finance - Bank Accounts L5 - Finance - Credit Cards L6 - Finance - E-Money L7 - Christmas 	<p><u>Relationships: BV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - BV: Tolerance L2 - BV: Radical Groups L3 - BV: Extremism L4 - BV: Attracting converts L5 - Sharia Law in the UK L6 - Prevention L7 - P and D: Religion 	<p><u>Healthy Living and choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Alcohol Awareness L2 - Drugs and the Law L3 - Vaccinations, OD, Stem Cells L4 - Vaccinations, OD Stem Cells L5 - Acid Attacks L6 - Self Harm L7 - Christmas 	<p><u>Healthy Living and choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Time management L2 - Living Sustainably L3 - Homelessness L4 - Hate Crime L5 - Tattoos and Piercings L6 - Binge Drinking L7 - Christmas 	<p><u>Healthy Living and choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Perseverance and Procrastination L2 - The importance of sleep L3 - Risk and decision making L4 - Gambling: on and offline L5 - Digital Footprints L6 - Personal Safety L7 - Christmas
T3	<p><u>Relationships: RSE & BV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Friendships L2 - Family relationships L3 - Love and Feelings L4 - Bullying or banter? L5 - Cyber Bullying L6 - Safe Relationships L7 - BV: Identity L8 - BV: Radicalisation 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World: Careers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Finance: In and Out L2 - Finance: NI and tax L3 - Finance: How is tax spent? L4 - Finance: Spending & Saving L5 - Careers: Entrepreneurs L6 - Careers: Teamwork L7 - Careers: Communication L8 - Assessment 	<p><u>Healthy Living and choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Behaviour to achieve L2 - Human Rights: Education L3 - Interpersonal Skills L4 - Discrimination L5 - Growth Mindset L6 - Coping with Stress L7 - Managing Anxiety L8 - Selfie Safety 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World: Careers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - The right career for me L2 - Employability Skills: CV L3 - Careers in STEM L4 - Preparing for WEX L5 - Rights and Responsibilities L6 - International Women's Day 	<p><u>Relationships: RSE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Bullying and body shaming L2 - Types of relationship L3 - Consent, Rape and SH L4 - What makes good sex? L5 - Safe and Chemical Sex L6 - Relationship breakups L7 - Happiness and positivity
T4	<p><u>Relationships: RSE & BV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Friendships L2 - Family relationships L3 - Love and Feelings L4 - Bullying or banter? L5 - Cyber Bullying L6 - Safe Relationships L7 - BV: Identity L8 - BV: Radicalisation 	<p><u>Healthy Living and Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Self-confidence & goals L2 - Personal target setting L3 - Behaviour to Achieve L4 - Emotional Literacy L5 - Mindfulness 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World: Careers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - My future, My control L2 - Work skills & experience L3 - Enterprise and skills L4 - Workplace Skills L5 - Kudos L6 - Kudos L7 - Kudos 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - The Criminal Justice System L2 - Anti-Social Behaviour L3 - County Lines L4 - Money Laundering L5 - Terrorism and Holy War L6 - Overt and Covert Racism L7 - Fake News and Crit Thinking 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Animal rights and sustainability L2 - The environment L3 - Globalisation L4 - Multiculturalism L5 - Right Wing Extremism L6 - The Dark Web L7 - Cyber Crime and Online Fraud
T5	<p><u>Healthy Living and Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Healthy Lifestyle L2 - Balanced diet L3 - Nutrition choices L4 - Consequences: poor choices L5 - Energy Drinks L6 - Exercise L7 - Smoking L8 - Drugs: How dangerous? 	<p><u>Healthy Living and Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Vaping & addiction L2 - Cancer Awareness L3 - Personal Safety and First Aid L4 - Teenage pregnancy 	<p><u>Preparing for the Wider World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Avoiding Debt L2 - Managing Money L3 - Consumers and the Law L4 - Employability L5 - Kudos 	<p><u>Relationships: RSE & BV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Conflict Management L2 - Forced and Arranged marriage L3 - Harassment and Stalking L4 - Revenge Porn L5 - Relationships & Role Models 	<p><u>Relationships: RSE & BV</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - GCSE revision and Study Skills L2 - Apply: college and Uni L3 - Independent Living L4 - Job Interviews L5 - Health and Safety at work L6 - Trade Unions
T6	<p><u>Healthy Living and Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Mental Health: depression L2 - Emotional Literacy L3 - Puberty L4 - Periods L5 - FGM L6 - Summer 	<p><u>Living in the Wider World</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Protected Characteristics L2 - Stereotypes: disability L3 - Homophobia: LGBT L4 - Stereotypes: Teenagers L5 - Avoiding Online Grooming L6 - Our environment 	<p><u>Healthy Living an Choices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - UNICEF around the world L2 - Human Rights: Trafficking L3 - UK: helping other countries L4 - Sustainability L5 - Young Offenders and the Law L6 - Knife Crime: Consequences 	<p><u>Relationships: RSE & Diversity</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> L1 - Same Sex Relationships L2 - Gender and Trans Identity L3 - Community Cohesion L4 - Sexism L5 - Parenting L6 - Obesity and Body Positivity 	

Appendix 2: Parent form: withdrawal from sex education within RSE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education			
Any other information you would like the school to consider			
Parent signature			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL	
Agreed actions from discussion with parents	