



**Green Ridge Primary Academy
RSE Year Four Parent Information Session**



Reasons for Change

Why boisterous corridors are a safeguarding risk

Teachers need to remember that abuse could happen on their watch – but we can help to reduce risk, says Amy Forrester

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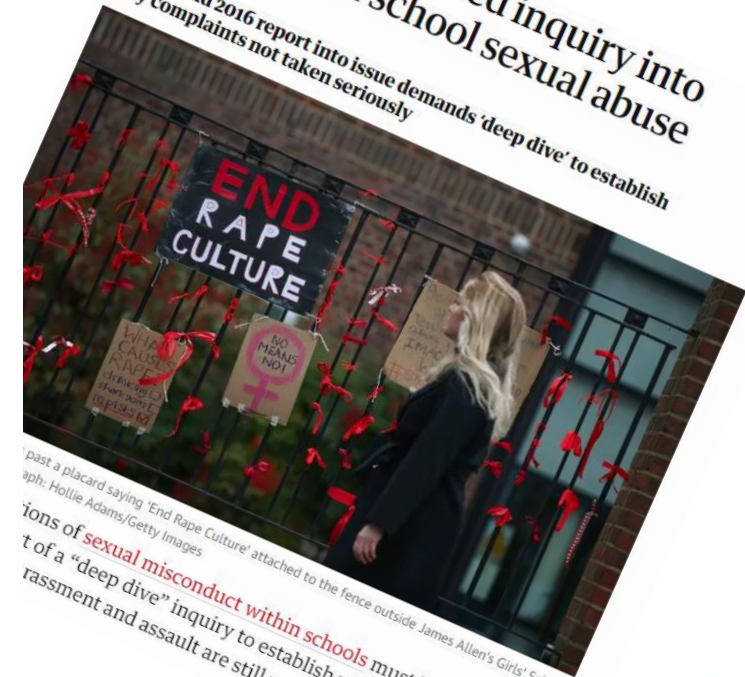
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It could happen here." Four words that everyone in schools should be familiar with, in line with [their safeguarding roles](#). A small sentence, but a large statement – one that feels heavy.

Call for urgent Ofsted inquiry into allegations of school sexual abuse

MP behind 2016 report into issue demands 'deep dive' to establish why complaints not taken seriously



MP past a placard saying 'End Rape Culture' attached to the fence outside James Allen's Girls' School. Photograph: Hollie Adams/Getty Images
Allegations of **sexual misconduct within schools** must be investigated. A "deep dive" inquiry to establish why complaints by girls of sexual harassment and assault are still not being taken seriously.

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Ofsted's review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges

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@Ofstednewsd has today (7 Apr) published plans for a review into safeguarding policies and practices relating to sexual abuse in state and independent schools and colleges.

The review was announced by government last week, after anonymous testimonials of sexual abuse were published on the website 'Everyone's Invited'. It will seek to find out whether schools and colleges have appropriate safeguarding processes in place. It will also consider whether current guidance is understood by schools and colleges, and whether it is sufficient to help them respond effectively to allegations.

Read the **sexual abuse review: terms of reference**.

We will visit a sample of schools and colleges where cases have been highlighted. As well as talking to school and college leaders, pupils and students, we will look at how well systems of support and response are working, and we'll discuss the wider issues raised by the evidence.

The review will look at whether schools and colleges need further support in teaching about sex and relationships, and whether current inspection regimes in state and private schools are robust enough around the issue of sexual abuse. It will also consider how well schools and colleges are working with local multi-agency safeguarding partners.

We will work with representatives from social care, police and victim support groups, as well as school and college leaders. The review is aimed to conclude by the end of May 2021.

Current Curriculum

Majority of the mandatory sex education teaching falls within the Science Curriculum:

- **In Year 2**, children learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They should be introduced to the concepts of reproduction and growth, but not how reproduction occurs.
- **In Year 5**, children are taught about the life cycles of humans and animals, including reproduction. They also learn about the changes that happen in humans from birth to old age. This includes learning what happens in puberty.

Primary *Relationships* Education



“The focus in primary school should be on teaching the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendship, family relationships, and relationships with other peers and adults.”

Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

Draft statutory guidance for governing bodies, proprietors, head teachers, principals, senior leadership teams, teachers

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

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Primary *Health* education



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“The focus in primary school should be on teaching the characteristics of good physical health and mental wellbeing. Teachers should be clear that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health.”

- Mental wellbeing
- Internet safety and harms
- Physical health and fitness
- Healthy eating
- Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- Health and prevention
- Basic first aid
- Changing adolescent body



What about sex education?

“The Relationships Education, RSE, and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools from September 2019. Sex education is not compulsory in primary schools and content set out in this guidance therefore focuses on Relationships Educations.”

However...



“The Department continues to recommend that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science – how a baby is conceived and born...Teaching methods need to take account of the developmental differences of children.”

What is the School's response?



- The Christopher Winter Project has devised a programme of study that includes age-appropriate content from Reception up to Year Six.
- This approach means that children have a gradual introduction to topics across different year groups.
- Each year group would have 3 RSE sessions

Year Four RSE curriculum – lesson one

Learning Intention: To explore the human lifecycle.

- Describe the main changes of the human lifecycle
- Describe the body changes that happen when a child grows up



Year Four RSE curriculum – lesson two

Learning Intention: To identify some basic facts about puberty.

- The children will discuss male and female body parts using the agreed words
- The children will know some of the changes which happen to the body during puberty

Year Four RSE curriculum – lesson three

Learning Intention: To explore how puberty is linked to reproduction.

- The children will know about the physical and emotional changes that happen in puberty.
- The children will understand that children turn into adults so they are able to reproduce.

Body Changes

Changes that happen in puberty...	Male	Female	Both
Grows taller			
Has hair under the arms			
Develops pubic hair			
Grows hair on the face			
Private parts grow bigger			
Breasts grow			
Hair on legs			
Periods start			
Voice gets deeper			
Has mood swings			
Might think about having a boyfriend/girlfriend			

Questions

