

SEX EDUCATION POLICY

This policy has been drawn up in line with the Education Act 1996, Sexual Health and Wellbeing 2010-15, WG Guidance on sex and relationships education in schools 2010 and the Equality Act 2010 and the Personal and Social education framework for 7 to 19 year olds; will be reviewed annually and is subject to a system of evaluation. This policy has been developed by staff, governors and senior members of the school council.

The aims of the Stanwell Sex Education Policy are as follows.

- To provide information about growth and development, the process of human reproduction and the nature of sexuality and relationships.
- To raise awareness about oneself and sensitivity to others and develop respect for oneself and others.
- To equip children to take responsibility for their behaviour in their personal relationships and encourage self-restraint and dignity.
- To facilitate communication about sexuality.
- To provide skills to help pupils manage their relationships in a morally responsible and healthy manner.
- To promote the teaching of equality and anti-discrimination in line with the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010

The teaching of sex education including HIV/Aids and other STDs to all pupils takes into account the moral considerations, legal implications and the values of family life. Pupils will be helped to appreciate the benefits of stable family life, marriage and the responsibilities of parenthood. Strong and supportive stable relationships outside of marriage are also recognised and appreciated, as is the diverse make-up of modern families. Pupils will be helped to understand that gender differences are socially constructed rather than based on sex differences and that not all people will be the sex that their physical body appears to represent.

Referral to Mr Cook, school counsellor or the Barnardo's Counselling service can be actioned by Year Tutors, by pupil self-referral or by parental request.

Pupils can self-refer to Barnardo's by placing a slip in the Barnardo's box in main reception. Pupils can self-refer to Mr Cook by making an appointment with him directly or by asking the Year Tutors to make an appointment.

Parents have the right to withdraw pupils from all or part of sex education outside the National Curriculum. Any parents wishing to do so should write to Mrs C Kynaston, Deputy Headteacher. If any members of the school community have any comments on this policy, they should write to Miss S. Owen, Assistant Headteacher.

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