

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Advisory Curriculum



Year 8 Content

	Learning Intentions	Success Criteria
Equality	Young people demonstrate respect and understanding for people of all sexual orientations. Young people learn that bullying and harassment of LGBT peers is not tolerated.	I understand that every individual is unique, and that people of all sexualities deserve recognition and respect. I understand the different contexts of relationships including marriage. I am building skills and confidence to challenge bullying or harassment of LGBT people.
Child development	Young people understand the role and challenges of being a parent/carer. Young people understand the importance of nurture in a child's development.	I can discuss the skills and qualities of a parent/carer. I can talk about what a parent/carer does to make sure their child is healthy, happy and safe.
The best start in life	Young people understand the role and responsibilities of a parent/carer. Young people learn about the importance of finding and seeking help and support as a parent.	I can talk about what a parent/carer does to make sure their child is healthy, happy and safe. I recognise the benefits of breastfeeding for both the mother and baby. I can discuss some of the challenges of being a parent/carer and how to seek local help and support.
Being a parent/ carer	Young people understand the role of a parent/carer. Young people understand the challenges of being a parent/carer. Young people can explain the short and long-term impact of parenthood, for example, joy, commitment, financial implications, anxiety, physical demands.	I can discuss some of the challenges of being a parent/carer and how to seek local help and support. I can begin to think about the type of parent/carer I would be.
Unhealthy relationships	Young people explore signs of abusive relationships and propose a range of strategies for accessing help.	I can identify the signs of unhealthy relationship. I can talk about my right to be safe in intimate and sexual relationships. I can name sources of information, help and support.

Unhealthy Behaviour in Relationships	Young people understand the law protects them from abuse in relationships. Young people explain the impact an imbalance of power can have on relationships, including sexual relationships, for example, consent, coercion, responsibility for actions and decisions.	I know where to get support and help with situations involving abuse and I understand that there are laws which protect me from different kinds of abuse. I can recognise that power can exist within relationships and can be used positively as well as negatively.
Getting pregnant; myths and facts	Young people are given basic knowledge about conception. Myths or false information is challenged.	I can describe how pregnancy occurs. I can challenge myths about conception/ getting pregnant.
Choices about contraception	Young people understand the reasons why contraception may be used. Young people learn how to access local sexual health services, information and advice.	I can explain what contraception is. I can name the main methods of contraception a young person might use. I know how to access information and advice from sexual health services.
Condoms	Young people understand the reasons why condoms may be used.	I can explain what a condom is used for. I know how to use condoms.
Sexual health: getting help and support	Young people will learn about the key elements of sexual health service provision, including how confidentiality works. Young people will learn how to access local sexual health services, information and advice.	I understand the benefits of regular sexual health checks when I am sexually active. I can describe how to access sexual health services. I can explain how confidentiality works.
Healthy Relationships	Young people will learn about the features of healthy and unhealthy relationships. Young people will learn how to negotiate and communicate assertively	I can describe the features of a healthy relationship and recognise the signs of an unhealthy relationship. I can explain when it is appropriate to negotiate in a relationship and when it is necessary to assert my values. I can recognise when someone needs help managing unhealthy relationships or risky online behaviours. I can describe ways to access support.
Respectful Relationships	Young people define cyberbullying and recognise examples of it. Young people recognise how their actions impact on others. Young people will learn about the bystander effect.	I know what cyberbullying is and can give examples. I can explain the bystander effect and recognise the need to challenge bullying behaviour.
Attitudes to mental health	Young people learn about attitudes to mental health and challenges misconceptions.	I can evaluate the links between mental health and physical health. I can identify common misconceptions about mental health. I can recognise and challenge prejudice and discriminatory language and behaviour, in relation to mental health.

Promoting emotional wellbeing	Young people learn ways to promote emotional wellbeing. Young people learn to build resilience and how to reframe disappointments and setbacks.	I can discuss the skills and qualities of a parent/carer. I can talk about what a parent/carer does to make sure their child is healthy, happy and safe.
Digital resilience	Young people understand the impact of social media on mental health and emotional wellbeing. Young people learn strategies to develop digital resilience.	I can evaluate the positive and negative impact of social media on emotional wellbeing. I can analyse the reasons people post and look at online images and the impact this can have on self-esteem and body image. I can describe strategies to promote emotional wellbeing online.
Unhealthy coping strategies	Young people learn about unhealthy coping strategies, including self-harm and eating disorders. Young people recognise why, when and how to access support for themselves or others.	I can explain why self-harm and eating disorders are unhealthy coping strategies. I can recognise misconceptions about unhealthy coping strategies. I can recognise warning signs of emotional difficulties and explain why, when and how to seek help for myself or others.
Healthy coping strategies	Young people explore healthy ways to manage difficult feelings or challenging circumstances.	I can recognise circumstances leading to intense emotions that may be difficult to manage. I can explain a range of positive strategies for managing difficult emotions. I can assess whom, how and why to ask for support when its needed.
Change, loss, grief	Young people learn about the effects of change, loss and grief. Young people learn strategies for managing these and accessing support.	I can describe how change, including loss and bereavement, can affect people in different ways. I can explain what grief is and how different people might grieve. I can identify strategies to help manage change, loss or bereavement and support others who are grieving. I can explain why, when and how to access support for themselves or others.