

Policy Statement on Sex and Relationship Education

1. Each school must have a written sex and relationship policy.
2. Sex and Relationship Education should not be delivered in isolation but be integrated within the curriculum and whole school ethos. However, it should form a discrete strand within the Personal and Social Health Education Curriculum.
3. The Headteacher must consult with parents in developing the school's Sex and Relationship Education Policy and the final policy must be approved by the school's governing body.
4. The Sex and Relationship Policy should be inclusive of all pupils and take account of different cultural backgrounds.
5. The Sex and Relationship Education policy should reflect and explicitly relate to other relevant Departmental, school and college policies, including those on child protection and confidentiality.
6. The Sex and Relationship Education Policy will take account of current policies and guidance on health, drugs and alcohol produced by the Department of Education and Children, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Care and the Chief Minister's Children and Young People's Strategy.
7. Each school should include in its published prospectus a brief statement of the content and organisation of the Sex and Relationship Education provided by the school. The prospectus should also provide an explanation of how parents who wish to discuss this issue can do so and an indication of how parents can put into effect their right to withdraw their child.
8. The school Sex and Relationship Policy must include:
 - The aims of the Sex and Relationship Education in the school
 - A clear statement of where responsibility lies for the delivery of Sex and Relationship Education within the school
 - An overview of the content, organisation and delivery of Sex and Relationship Education
 - Details of how parents who wish to discuss Sex and Relationship Education in the school can do so.
 - Details of how parents can put into effect their right to withdraw their child from Sex and Relationship Education
 - A statement on how the school's Sex and Relationship Education policy will be disseminated