

A blurred background image showing the faces of several children, with one child in the foreground pointing towards the camera.

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What is Relationships Education?

Relationships Education in primary schools should teach the fundamental building blocks and characteristics of positive relationships, with particular reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other peers and adults. At Coram SCARF we believe that children should learn about relationships as well as the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, human sexuality and sexual health, in an age-appropriate way. This goes beyond learning about relationships, to include puberty, how a baby is conceived and born, body ownership, and safeguarding. Although we refer to our resources as our Relationship Education programme, they also include elements of Health Education as well as non-statutory sex education. Therefore we often refer to the content as RSE: Relationships and Sex Education.

Our RSE lessons are a key part of SCARF - our programme and resources for schools which provides much more than a PSHE scheme of work. SCARF provides the framework for a whole-school approach to improving children's wellbeing and attainment, based on the five SCARF values of safety (S), caring (C), achievement (A), resilience (R) and friendship (F).

Our Relationships and Sex Education resources help children and young people to be safe, healthy and happy as they grow, and in their future lives. Delivered as part of PSHE (England), RSHP (Scotland) or Science, they help schools meet their current SMSC (Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural) development, safeguarding, and emotional wellbeing requirements, as well as ensuring that they meet the revised requirements of the DfE Primary Relationships, Sex and Health Education Curriculum (2025), and National Curriculum Science. In the following pages you will see how our programme builds each year, introducing each theme in an age-appropriate way.



Reception content

- Life stages in plants, animals and humans
- Where do babies come from?
- Getting bigger
- Me and my body
- Looking after my special people
- Looking after my friends
- Keeping safe online

Sample Learning Activities

- Role-play how you can help your special people at home
- Read a book together about getting bigger
- Using the pairs cards, match up the baby animal with its adult equivalent
- Draw pictures of a friend. Write how they look after that friend or how their friend looks after them
- Write some safety rules about being online



Year 1 content

Ending learning from Reception

New content includes:

- Our special people
- Caring behaviour
- Respecting others
- Safe touch
- Unsafe secrets
- Friendship
- Communication
- Bullying (inc. online)
- Boundaries
- Privacy including naming genitals
- Feelings

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Recognise and name some of the qualities that make a person special to them
- Identify simple qualities of friendship
- Identify things they could do as a baby, a toddler and can do now
- Explain the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touch
- Identify who they can talk to if they feel uncomfortable about any secret they are told, or told to keep
- Identify parts of the body that are private



Year 2 content

Extending learning in Y1

New content includes:

- How my behaviour (positive or negative) affects others
- Becoming more independent
- Keeping themselves and others safe
- Growing from young to old and how people's needs change

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Identify some of the ways that good friends care for each other, both online and in real life (IRL)
- Know and use words and phrases that show respect for other people
- Explain where someone could get help if they were being upset by someone else's behaviour
- Identify situations in which they would need to say 'Yes', 'No', 'I'll ask', or 'I'll tell', in relation to keeping themselves and others safe.
- Identify the types of touch they like and do not like
- Explain that our genitals help us make babies when we are older



Year 3 content

Extending learning in Y2

New content to include:

- Change including bereavement
- Images in the media
- Protecting personal information online
- Different types of relationships
- Healthy and unhealthy relationships (friendships) both online and IRL
- Discrimination and its consequences
- Understanding risk
- Making informed choices
- Resisting pressure

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Explain some of the feelings someone might have when they lose something important to them
- Recognise and describe appropriate behaviour online as well as offline
- Identify when it is appropriate or inappropriate to allow someone into their body space
- Recognise who they have positive healthy relationships with
- Recognise that repeated name calling is a form of bullying
- Understand that for girls, periods are a normal part of puberty



Year 4 content

Extending learning in Y3

New content to include:

- Body changes in puberty
- Conflicting emotions
- Good and not so good feelings
- Marriage, Civil Partnership and other relationships
- Consequences of our actions
- Recognise and challenge stereotypes
- Pressures to behave in an unacceptable, unhealthy or risky way

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Understand and explain why puberty happens
- Suggest reasons why young people sometimes fall out with their parents
- Discuss the reasons why a person would want to be married, or live together, or have a civil ceremony
- Define what is meant by 'being responsible'
- Understand and identify stereotypes, including those promoted in the media
- Understand that we can be influenced both positively and negatively



Year 5 content

Extending learning in Y4

New content to include:

- Body changes and feelings during puberty
- Changing feelings and the effect on those we live with
- Unhealthy relationships
- Risky behaviour
- Healthy behaviour online
- Types of bullying including homophobic
- Keeping personal information private online
- Menstruation

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Identify some products that they may need during puberty and why
- Recognise some of the feelings associated with feeling excluded or 'left out'
- Identify what things make a relationship unhealthy
- Explore and share their views about decision making when faced with a risky situation
- Recognise that people aren't always who they say they are online
- Recognise that some people can get bullied because of the way they express their gender
- Know how to protect personal information online



Year 6 content

Extending learning in Y5 New content to include:

- Body image
- Sharing images online
- Forced marriage
- HIV
- Online Sexual Content (Identified need only)

Sample Learning Outcomes

- Recognise that photos can be changed to match society's view of perfect
- Explore the risks of sharing photos and films of themselves or others online, and without consent
- Take a critical approach to what they see and hear online
- Describe ways in which people show their commitment to each other
- Know a variety of ways in which the sperm can fertilise the egg to create a baby
- Explain how HIV affects the body's immune system