



## RHE Survey general questions and responses

**Below are the questions that were asked by parents in the RHE surveys. Responses have been written below each one.**

1. Whatever is taught should be sent home so parents know what has been taught

Parents have been signposted via email to the curriculum map on our website. This details every Learning Intention that will be taught in each year group throughout our pupil's time at GT. This can be found on our website under Parents – Relationships Health Education – Progression map

2. Unclear on what 1Decision is

It is the curricular scheme of work that the Local Authority have recommended we use. It has been taken on by the majority of Waltham Forest primary schools. It details the Learning Intentions which will be taught for each year group and ensures coverage and progression

3. No except from what will be taught in Relationships and Education classes?

Details of the entire RHE curriculum, draft policy and learning intentions for each year group can be found on our website under Parents – RHE – Progression map

4. We need to be assured that the draft RHE policy does not contain sex education contents and if in case it contains it, parents should be notified and given the right to withdraw their children from that

George Tomlinson is choosing **not** to teach additional sex education. Maintained primary schools are required to teach National Curriculum science, which includes teaching about puberty. Parents do not have a right to withdraw their children from this

- 5.** We would advise that the relationships education should include religious and spiritual values which would further strengthen and enable the children to realise the importance of having true and meaningful relationships

Relationship and Health Education does not cover religious or spiritual teaching. Children learn about a wide variety of religions during Religious Education lessons weekly in each year group

- 6.** Parents should have the right to withdraw from sex education policy  
Parents do have the right to remove their child from sex education at primary school, however we are not teaching it at GT. Parents cannot withdraw their children from Relationships and Health Education however as it is statutory. Please see the website for details about what is covered in each year group under Parents – Relationship and Health Education – Progression map

- 7.** Further info could be provided about what the kids will do when the rest are taking RHE lessons

Children cannot be removed from Relationships and Health Education. It is statutory that children attend these lessons

- 8.** Some aspects of GT's RHE policy do not follow the government statutory guidance

The guidance has been followed in its entirety and the policy has been put together by a group of Primary Headteachers in Waltham Forest

- 9.** Need to be reviewed from time to time

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher, SLT and the Governing Body. Any updates will be shared with the parent community via our website

- 10.** Please provide a link to the science curriculum

The National Curriculum for Science can be found online on the gov.uk website under Science programmes of study

- 11.** Important for girls and boys to learn biological facts about puberty/menstruation before the onset. I hope 1Decision includes this from age 8

Within the 8-11 curriculum there is a full range of puberty education

resources developed in an age appropriate way for class teachers to use. We believe it is crucial for pupils to learn about puberty and menstruation before the onset

**12.** Would like more information on what parts of sex education are taught in year 6. P1 of the policy states that “the biological aspects of reproduction will be taught comprehensively in Year 7” What is taught in primary school?

In science, children continue to learn about puberty and changes to their body as they get older. The fore runners to consent are taught in Year 6 through learning about trust and positive relationships, acceptable and unacceptable touch. We are choosing not to teach the optional sex education at GT

**13.** Would like more information on what content is taught as part of puberty Through Years 4,5,6 puberty is taught. Exact details of Learning Intentions for each year group can be found on our website under Parents - Relationships and Health Education – Progression map

**The RHE consultation ends on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**I will write to the parent community on November 9<sup>th</sup> to inform you of the outcome of the consultation.**