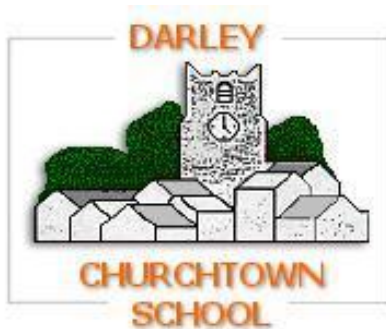




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Thursday 9th February 2023

Dear parents,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Many thanks for continuing to make Mr. Lloyd and I feel so welcome as we settle into our first (and busy!) year here at Darley Churchtown.

Over the past four months we have been working with staff to consider the curriculum which we provide for all of our children.

Teaching of Relationships and Sex Education

As part of the review of our curriculum, we are carefully considering our current policy for the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. You can view our agreed policy on our website: www.darleychurchtownschool.co.uk/our-curriculum/.

Relationships education is part of our planned curriculum and our current policy broadly identifies what our children are taught. This is a statutory requirement for all primary schools.

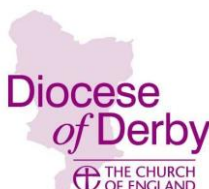
However, the staff and I would like to further consult with parents specifically about the school's agreed and considered approach to sex education. It is up to each school to determine whether it teaches sex education (as sex education is non-statutory within primary schools). Each school is advised to consult with parents about this area.

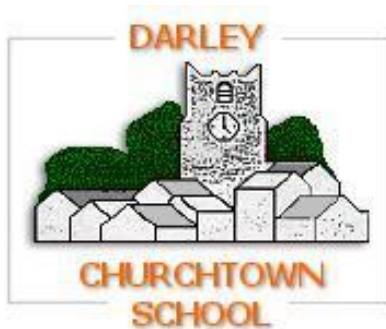
Darley Churchtown has an agreed policy and this does outline the curriculum content for sex education in our school. However, this information is broad and we would like to clarify precisely what is taught in every year group, from Early Years through to Year 6.

Here's how you can help

Please can you spare a minute or two to complete our short, anonymous survey regarding the teaching of sex education within our primary setting? We would like to consult with parents as we carefully consider our sex education curriculum.

- ✓ Please can you complete this short, anonymous survey to help us better plan our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum: <https://forms.office.com/e/11wF84B9SJ>





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Please remember that you can visit our school's (www.darleychurchtownschool.co.uk/) website where you will find:

- ✓ A copy of our current school policy for the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education.

Thank you in advance for taking time to consider and complete our short survey. Much appreciated.

What happens next?

- Thursday 9th February 2023: Parent review opens.
- Sunday 26th February 2023: Consultation closes.
- Monday 27th February 2023: Review results and share with parents and staff.
- Tuesday 28th February 2023: Results shared with the school's governors who will discuss the outcomes during their meeting.

If parents support that sex education should continue to be taught in an 'appropriate and sensitive' manner, then we will:

- Provide staff training to carefully sequence the precise learning, and vocabulary, for each year group;
- Children's thoughts on what they would like to learn during RSE lessons.
- Curriculum drafted for sharing with staff.
- Finalised curriculum and policy shared with parents.

Finally, I would like to remind and reassure all that parents have the right to request that their child be excused from sex education within RSE only.

Many thanks in advance for taking time to complete the short survey and for making me feel so welcome.

Many thanks,

Ben O'Connell

