



Dear Colleague

Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) in Church of England Primary and Secondary Schools and Academies

I am pleased to share with you the work that is being done nationally, regionally and by the SDBE to support schools in preparing for September 2020 in response to government legislation [here](#).

The Church of England Education Office (CEEEO) supports the approach taken by the government, including recommending an age-appropriate provision of sex education at primary level, and that schools should approach RSHE in a faith-sensitive and inclusive way. The CofEEEO approach is underpinned by two key biblical passages:

*So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.
(Genesis 1:27)*

*I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness.
(John 10:10)*

In order to help schools to explain fairly the varying interpretations of religious communities on matters of sex and relationships, the CofEEEO has issued some principles and a Charter, which it is hoped that all schools will sign up to. **Read the Charter** [here](#).

Additional resources have been developed and trialled to support schools working with staff, parents, governors and communities. They can be read [here](#) and include:

- An editable version of the Charter
- A **suggested school approach** including a possible format for parent meetings including
 - An example of a 'Diamond 9' activity
 - A prayer
 - A suggested RSHE policy template
- Schools are encouraged to refer to **Valuing All God's Children** [here](#)
- And [here](#) is a resource produced by the CofE Pastoral Advisory Group, to support positive relationships when engaging in conversation on subjects that may provoke strong feelings.

The SDBE has arranged a briefing for schools, led by a national lead on RSHE who will share updates, the launch of a new website and specially commissioned material to enrich **Love and Sex Matters**.

The dates are:

- **Monday 18th May 9-12am** and
[Supporting Relationships, Sex and Health Education in Church Schools WILTON 18/05/20](#)
- **Tuesday 19th May 1-4pm**
[Supporting Relationships, Sex and Health Education in Church Schools WILTON 19/05/20](#)

Both briefings will be held at the DEC. We anticipate that places will be keenly sought, so encourage you to book early.

If your school is an 'early adopter' working with the DfE this academic year, we would value hearing from you. Similarly, if you would be willing to share how you have worked with your school community to develop RSHE resources, please get in touch with me at nicola.coupe@salisbury.anglican.org.



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In the meantime, here are some resources that schools may find useful.

- **Love and Sex Matters** <https://www.salisbury.anglican.org/schools/love-and-sex-matters>
- **Wiltshire Healthy Schools** <https://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/core-themes/pshee/sex-and-relationship-education/>
- **Jigsaw PSHE** <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/jigsaw-pshe-fulfils-statutory-requirements-for-relationships-rse-and-health-education/>
- **The Christopher Winter Project (CWP) – Teaching with Confidence** <https://cwpresources.co.uk/resources/>
- **SCARF Project - Coram Life Education** <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/scarf/>
- **Sex Education Forum** <https://www.sexeducationforum.org.uk/>
- **Big Talk Education** <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/relationship-sex-education-resources/>

Yours Faithfully

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