Bede Academy North

Relationship and Sex Education Policy Summary

Part A *(Generic Emmanuel Schools Foundation Statement)*

RSE is a vital part of the education of character underpinned by our Christian ethos. We want our students to practice the greatest virtue by loving one's neighbour as oneself 1. We consult with parents and carers to ensure this RSE policy meets the needs of children and parents and reflects the community served by your child's school. Teaching in RSE reflects the law (including the Equality Act 2010) as it applies to relationships, so that young people clearly understand what the law allows and does not allow, and the wider implications of decisions they may make. In the primary years, we provide 'Relationships Education' and also 'Sex Education'. In the secondary years, we provide 'Relationships and Sex Education'.

Our RSE programme will be:

- Age appropriate We protect children's innocence without compromise to clarity.
- In partnership with parents/carers We support parents discussing issues with their children.
- Pastorally sensitive We are aware of the diversity of views on moral issues.
- Consistent with our ethos We treat all of our students with care and compassion.
- Well planned and expertly delivered We communicate the facts clearly.

Part B:

Year 7: Friendship and self-esteem, positive and healthy relationships, managing conflict, human reproduction, identity (infinitely precious), family and friends, reconciliation and forgiveness. Safety online and cyber-bullying. Puberty.
Year 8: Character development, wisdom and integrity. Love, Drugs and Conflict, Marriage and the family, LGBTQ+, helping and respecting others, an introduction to adult relationships, wise ways to be courageous citizens, internet safety, non-toleration of bullying, globalisation.
Year 9: Health and sexual relationships, contraception, modern world pressures (pornography and online safety), marriage and commitment. Peer pressure and respecting others, sexual health, abortion, injustice and regard for the poor. The Holocaust, dignity and respect. Selfishness, greed and extreme behaviours. Women in society and civil rights. Cyber-bullying and online-safety.
Year 10: Reproductive Health and Sexuality, Contraception and Abortion, Positive Relationships and Sexting, Caring for others, Charity, the Family. LGBTQ+, Ethics and Conflict.
Year 11: Friendship and Love, Supporting others – sick, poor and vulnerable. Marriage, Sex and the Law, Abuse, Internet safety.
Sixth Form: Democracy, Freedom of Speech, Tolerance and Intolerance, Cohabitation and Marriage, Dignity and Human Value, Lover verses Lust, Pornography and Healthy Relationships.