



Purpose

Teign School provides a safe, inclusive and respectful environment for sensitive discussion, preparing pupils for adult life and developing the knowledge and skills needed for healthy, respectful and safe relationships.

WHAT RSE COVERS

- Relationships, sexual health, emotional wellbeing, personal safety, identity and values.
- Healthy and respectful relationships, consent and boundaries.
- Online and offline safety, safeguarding, exploitation and abuse.
- The impact of media, pornography and digital content.

CURRICULUM PRIORITIES

- Consent: willingly and repeatedly given; can be withdrawn; coercion invalidates consent.
- Misogyny and gender-based violence: recognising, challenging and understanding impact.
- Pornography and sexual content: unrealistic representations, effects and support.
- AI-generated content, deepfakes, sextortion and image-based abuse.
- Online radicalisation, influencers, algorithms, scams and critical evaluation.

HOW IT IS TAUGHT

- Within PSHE: 1 hour per week at KS3; 1 hour per fortnight at KS4 and KS5.
- Links with Science and RPE, plus Enrichment Day and Tutorial Programme.
- Age-appropriate, factual, balanced and impartial teaching.
- Clear ground rules and a safe, respectful classroom environment.
- Staff are trained to manage sensitive topics, disclosures and difficult questions.

INCLUSION, SAFETY & SUPPORT

- Accessible for all pupils, using Teign's Ordinarily Available Inclusive Provision (OAIP).
- Content can be tailored to developmental stage and individual need.
- Pupils learn to recognise abuse and exploitation, seek help and use school reporting routes.
- RSE is a key part of safeguarding and follows normal safeguarding procedures.
- Positive, respectful role models, emotional regulation, grief, loss, loneliness and coping strategies.

PARENTS & WITHDRAWAL

- Parents may withdraw their child from non-statutory sex education only, up to 3 terms before the child turns 16.
- Curriculum information and teaching materials can be provided on request.
- Withdrawal requests must be in writing to the Headteacher; alternative provision will be made.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REVIEW

- The Local Governing Body approves the policy and holds the Headteacher to account.
- Delivery is monitored through drop-ins, book scrutiny and student voice.
- The policy is reviewed regularly and updated for statutory guidance, emerging safeguarding risks and stakeholder feedback.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Article 16
Right to privacy

Article 17
Access to important health and wellbeing information

Article 24
Right to health care and information to stay healthy

Article 29
Education that develops personality, talents and abilities