

Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy

Nazareth House Primary School/Nursery

Background

Nazareth House Primary School is a place where the staff shares a clear sense of purpose and direction, working closely with parents, to provide, for all pupils, an education, which adequately prepares them for adult life. Mindful of our role as Catholic teachers and acknowledging the fundamental rights and duties of parents in this matter we wish to support and assist parents in fulfilling their right and duty to educate their children for love.

In Nazareth House PS we believe that Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) is a lifelong process that encompasses the acquisition of knowledge, understanding and skills, and the development of attitudes, beliefs and values about personal and social relationships and gender issues. We also believe that the learning process begins informally with parents and carers long before any formal education takes place at school.

Objectives of the Policy

At all times to be sensitive to the right and role of parents and the family as well as the needs and problems of children and young people.

To encourage parents to accept that the family is not the only or exclusive formative community in their child's life and to inform them of the need for cordial and active relationships with teachers who may be able to help them, while never forgetting their own inalienable right.

Nazareth House's RSE shall be relevant and accessible to all pupils and they will be supported in their cultural identities.

Aims of the Policy

In Nazareth House Ps our aims are

- to help children learn, at home and in school, about their own development and about their friendships and relationships with others
- to provide appropriate and accurate information, relative to the developmental stage of the pupil
- to encouraged and support pupils in developing and clarifying their values and attitudes towards sexuality and relationships
- to encourage pupils to respect and empathise with the values and attitudes of others.

Implementation of the Policy

A copy of this policy will be available to parents, on request, from the office and will be available on the school's website.

The programme of study will also be available, for those who wish to have it.

Parental concerns will be dealt with in a positive manner and appropriate action taken which is supportive to the role of parents.

Our School Nurse will provide puberty workshops for P7 children.

Support for Parents

Guidance materials, videos etc. will be available to parents.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Policy will be monitored and evaluated in accordance with CCEA Guidance for Primary Schools.