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**PHSE and RSE Policy**

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### Our School Vision

We are a caring community where everyone adopts a positive attitude; everyone feels valued and safe. We celebrate our individuality, achievements and talents and we aspire to become the best that we can be. We believe that everybody has the ability to achieve their highest potential.

### Aims and Key Principles

Every member of our school community is encouraged to respect and value one-another.

Personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) is an important and necessary part of all pupils' education. Through a planned programme of learning, we aim to provide our pupils with the knowledge, understanding and skills that they need in order to manage their lives both now and in the future. As part of a whole-school approach, we aim to develop the attributes our pupils need to thrive as individuals, as part of a family and as a confident member of the wider community.

Our school is committed to serving its community. We recognise the multicultural, multi-faith and ever-changing nature of the United Kingdom, and therefore those we serve. We also understand the vital role we have in ensuring that groups or individuals within the school are not subjected to intimidation or radicalization by those wishing to unduly, or illegally, influence them. At our school we embrace the British Values of: Democracy, The rule of law, Individual liberty, Mutual respect and Tolerance of those of different faiths and beliefs.

We want our children to learn to understand and respect our common humanity, diversity and differences so that they can go on to form the effective, fulfilling relationships that are an essential part of life and learning.

### Pupil Learning Outcomes

We want our children to develop self-awareness, positive self-esteem and confidence, enabling them to:

- Have a sense of purpose
- Value self and others
- Form healthy and positive relationships
- Make and act on informed decisions
- Communicate effectively
- Work with others
- Respond to challenge
- Be an active partner in their own learning
- Be active citizens within the local community



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- Explore issues related to living in a democratic society
- Become healthy and fulfilled individuals

## Curriculum Content

PSHE (which includes Relationships and Sex Education) is taught weekly through a planned programme of work that follows the Jigsaw PSHE programme. Jigsaw brings together PSHE Education, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a comprehensive scheme of learning. Teaching strategies are varied and are mindful of preferred learning styles and the need for differentiation. Jigsaw is designed as a whole school approach, with all year groups working on the same theme (Puzzle) at the same time. This enables each Puzzle to start with an introductory collective worship, generating a whole school focus for adults and children alike.

There are six Puzzles in Jigsaw that are designed to progress in sequence from September to July. Each Puzzle has six Pieces (lessons) which work towards an 'end product', for example, The School Learning Charter or The Garden of Dreams and Goals.

Each Piece has two Learning Intentions: one is based on specific PSHE learning (covering the non-statutory national framework for PSHE Education but enhanced to address children's needs today) and one is based on emotional literacy and social skills (covering the SEAL learning intentions but also enhanced). The enhancements mean that Jigsaw is relevant to children living in today's world as it helps them understand and be equipped to cope with issues like body image, cyber and homophobic bullying, and internet safety.

Every Piece (lesson) contributes to at least one of these aspects of children's development. This is mapped on each Piece and balanced across each year group.

For children in Reception, the lesson plans clearly identify the Early Learning Goal (ELG) and the Development Matters levels (D4 - D6) that will be that session's focus. Every plan has child-initiated and Adult-led activity ideas for both the indoor and outdoor learning environment. PSHE in the Nursery is integrated into the curriculum under the learning area Personal, Social and Emotional development.

## Jigsaw Content

Jigsaw covers all areas of PSHE for the primary phase, as the table below shows:

Term	Puzzle Name	Content
<b>Autumn 1</b>	Being Me in My World	Includes understanding my place in the class, school and global community as well as devising Learning Charters
<b>Autumn 2</b>	Celebrating Difference	Includes anti-bullying (cyber and homophobic bullying included)
<b>Spring 1</b>	Dreams and Goals	Includes goal-setting, aspirations, working together to design and organise fund-raising events
<b>Spring 2</b>	Healthy Me	Includes self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices
<b>Summer 1</b>	Relationships	Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills



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<b>Summer 2</b>	Changing Me	Includes Relationships and Sex Education in the context of looking at change
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Opportunities for linking aspects of PSHE will also be identified and developed by class teachers through Theme teaching. We also aim to cover aspects of PSHE through special theme days and weeks e.g., Healthy Living week, Our Wonderful World Week.

## Learning and Teaching

In line with our Learning and Teaching Policy, a range of teaching strategies will be used to ensure that learning is purposeful, active and exciting. Jigsaw is written as a universal core curriculum provision for all children. Inclusivity is part of its philosophy. All pupils will work within a safe, secure climate to be able to explore their own and others' attitudes, values and skills. Lessons will involve a high level of interaction where each pupil has planned opportunities for learning which will give them scope to work to their full potential.

Establishing a safe, open and positive learning environment based on trusting relationships between all members of the class, adults and children alike, is vital to successful and effective teaching and learning within this subject. Each class will establish ground rules based on the following:

- We take turns to speak
- We use kind and positive words
- We listen to each other
- We have the right to pass
- We only use names when giving compliments or when being positive

Weekly Jigsaw learning happens in Reception once the children have settled in and links are made with other learning opportunities for personal, social and emotional development. In KS1, PSHE lessons are part of the weekly time-table. Learning opportunities in other subjects through our theme led curriculum, are being developed and specific events and activities are to be planned into the school year to enrich learning. Teachers will choose the method most appropriate for their whole class to meet the objectives of the lesson. All classes use circle time and persona doll sessions to promote and discuss issues within PSHE and citizenship.

Where possible as a school, we try to develop our PSHE ethos in all aspects of school life. "Respect for each other" is one of our school rules. We aim to put this into practise by valuing the opinions and ideas of our pupils. We try to involve our pupils in new initiatives that have strong PSHE links. There are playground (friendship) monitors at lunchtime. Where appropriate some classes use worry boxes to encourage children to voice their concerns. All children are encouraged to speak to adults if they need help outside the classroom environment. Our school council is also very much involved in collecting opinions and feeding back ideas on how we can improve our school and aspects of school life. Social issues are also discussed in Monitors and Golden Assemblies.

## Parental and Community Involvement



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Parents are invited to join in events in school. Parents are regularly informed of events and developments on the website and school newsletter.

Working with parents is a vital part of the whole school approach to PSHE.

We aim to involve outside agencies, including NSPCC, local community Police Officers, dental health advisors, Islington e-safety advisors, St Johns Ambulance service, to deliver aspects of the PSHE curriculum where possible.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is taught in the summer term through the Jigsaw programme.

We recognise that 'Relationships and Sex Education' is a highly sensitive subject, but we firmly believe that effective RSE can make a significant contribution to the development of the personal skills needed by pupils if they are to establish and maintain relationships. It also enables children and young people to make responsible and informed decisions about their health and well-being.

Whilst we use relationships and sex education to inform children about sexual issues, we do this with regard to matters of morality and individual responsibility, and in a way that allows children to ask and explore moral questions. Sensitivity and respect will be shown to all children when teaching about personal relationships and sex education and RSE is taught in a way to ensure that there is no stigmatization of children based on their home/personal circumstances. Our RSE teaching and learning is set within a context that is consistent with the school's ethos and values:

- It is based on inclusive principles and values emphasising respect, compassion and loving care
- It is sensitive to the circumstances of all children and is mindful of the expressions of family life in our culture.
- Issues regarding human sexuality should be addressed sensitively.
- The exploration of reproduction and sexual behaviour within the science curriculum should stand alongside the exploration of relationships, values and morals.

Whilst pupils are given the opportunity to explore their own attitudes, values and beliefs and to develop an individual moral code that will guide their actions, this is exercised within an understanding of the right of people to hold their own views within a framework of respect for others. We are educating our children to live in the real world with all its contradictions. We mustn't let our adult knowledge and bias prevent us seeing things from a child's perspective. Our focus is on building healthy attitudes and positive relationships in an environment where difference is celebrated and everyone is included and valued for who they are.



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## Jigsaw RSE Content

The grid below shows specific RSE learning intentions for each year group in the 'Changing Me' Puzzle.

Year Group	Piece Number and Name	Learning Intentions - Pupils will be able to ....
Year 1	Piece 4 Boys' and Girls' Bodies	Identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and use the correct names for these: penis, testicles, vagina Respect my body and understand which parts are private
Year 2	Piece 4 Boys' and Girls' Bodies	Recognise the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, testicles, vagina and appreciate that some parts of my body are private Tell you what I like/don't like about being a boy/girl

## Withdrawal from RSE Lessons

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the Relationships and Sex Education provided at school except for those parts included in statutory National Curriculum Science. Those parents/carers wishing to exercise this right are invited in to see the head teacher and/or PSHE lead who will explore any concerns and discuss any impact that withdrawal may have on the child. Once a child has been withdrawn, they cannot take part in the RSE programme until the request for withdrawal has been removed. Materials are available to parents/carers who wish to supplement the school RSE programme or who wish to deliver RSE to their children at home.

## Teaching Sensitive and Controversial Issues

Sensitive and controversial issues are certain to arise in learning from real-life experience. Teachers will be prepared to handle personal issues arising from the work, to deal sensitively with, and to follow up appropriately, disclosures made in a group or individual setting. Issues that we address that are likely to be sensitive and controversial because they have a political, social or personal impact or deal with values and beliefs include: family lifestyles and values, physical and medical issues, financial issues, bullying and bereavement. Teachers will take all reasonable, practical steps to ensure that, where political or controversial issues are brought to pupils' attention, they are offered a balanced presentation of opposing views. Teachers will adopt strategies that seek to avoid bias on their part and will teach pupils how to recognise bias and evaluate evidence. Teachers will seek to establish a classroom climate in which all pupils are free from any fear of expressing reasonable points of view that contradict those held either by their class teachers or their peers.

## Answering Difficult Questions and Sensitive Issues

Staff members are aware that views around PSHE and RSE related issues are varied. However, while personal views are respected, all PSHE and RSE issues are taught without bias using Jigsaw. Topics



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are presented using a variety of views and beliefs so that pupils are able to form their own, informed opinions but also respect the fact that others have the right to a different opinion.

Both formal and informal PSHE and RSE arising from pupils' questions are answered according to the age and maturity of the pupil(s) concerned. Questions do not have to be answered directly and can be addressed individually later. The school believes that individual teachers must use their skill and discretion in this area and refer to the designated safeguarding lead.

Our school believes that PSHE and RSE should meet the needs of all pupils, answer appropriate questions and offer support. In Jigsaw Pieces that cover RSE provision, this should be regardless of their developing sexuality and be able to deal honestly and sensitively with sexual orientation, answer appropriate questions and offer support. Homophobic bullying is dealt with strongly yet sensitively. The school will liaise with parents/carers on this issue to reassure them of the content and context.

## **Involving Parents and Carers**

The school believes that it is important to have the support of parents, carers and the wider community for the Jigsaw PSHE programme. Parents and carers are/will be given the opportunity to find out about and discuss the Jigsaw PSHE programme through:

- Parent/carer Jigsaw awareness session
- Parents'/carers' evenings
- Information leaflets/displays

## **Assessment**

Children's understanding, knowledge and skills are assessed through observation, discussion, questioning and group participation. Children will be encouraged to talk about and reflect on their own experiences. Every child, in KS1 and KS2 has a Jigsaw Journal that will follow them through their time at school. As well as being a record of their learning it will also be used as an assessment tool.

For the early years, evidence of learning will be in the children's Special Books. General comments about PSHE will be included in annual reports to parents. Individual pupil profiles will also reflect areas of health and well-being.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

The PSHE subject leader will monitor delivery of PSHE through observation and discussion with teaching staff to ensure consistent and coherent curriculum provision. Evaluation will be based on:

- Pupil and teacher evaluation of the content and learning processes
- Monitoring of Jigsaw Journals
- Staff meetings to review and share ideas

## **Links with Other Policies**



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We recognise the clear link between PSHE and citizenship and the following policies and staff are aware of the need to refer to these policies when appropriate

- Good Behaviour Policy
- The Equality Policy
- Accessibility Plan
- Acceptable use and Online Safety Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- RE Policy
- Safeguarding Children Policy
- SEND Policy
- Learning and Teaching Policy

## **Training and Support for Staff**

All staff benefit from Jigsaw PSHE training in order to enhance their PSHE delivery skills. Opportunities are provided for staff to identify individual training needs on a yearly basis and relevant support is provided.

In addition to this, support for teaching and understanding PSHE issues is incorporated in our staff INSET programme, drawing on staff expertise and/or a range of external agencies. Confidentiality and Child Protection Issues As a general rule a child's confidentiality is maintained by the teacher or member of staff concerned. If this person believes that the child is at risk or in danger, she/he talks to the designated safeguarding lead who takes action as laid down in the Safeguarding Children Policy. All staff members are familiar with the policy and know the identity of the member of staff with responsibility for Child Protection issues. The child concerned will be informed that confidentiality is being breached and reasons why. The child will be supported by the teacher throughout the process.

The Children's House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The Safeguarding Policy is available on our website and provides comprehensive information regarding all forms of child exploitation.

This Policy was reviewed, amended and agreed by the Council of Management in October 2021. It will be reviewed again in two years' time.

Dawn Brindle

Agreed by \_\_\_\_\_ Chair of the Council of Management.