

LIONEL WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEX EDUCATION POLICY

The staff and Governors of Lionel Walden Primary School recognise it to be their responsibility to provide Sex Education for all pupils. They consider it to be essential to the pupils' personal development. It is our policy that the topic of Sex Education should be covered in Years 5 and 6 as we consider this an appropriate age group with regards to the maturity and receptivity of the children. It will be covered as part of a wider topic on 'Health.'

It is intended that all pupils will attend these classes but parents/guardians have the right to withdraw their children from Sex Education lessons, if they so wish.

To help parents make an informed decision on this matter, at the beginning of the Summer Term, a meeting will be held at which parents can view the materials used to support these lessons and ask any questions they may have. After this meeting, we will ask all parents to sign a form either giving or withholding permission for their child to take part in the ensuing lessons. Once parental permission has been given, any points raised/questions asked will be dealt with frankly and honestly, as they arise.

Sex Education lessons will normally be led by the child's class teacher as it is felt that children will feel more comfortable and able to ask questions of an adult they know well.

In the Summer Term, all Year 5 children will watch a video clip on menstruation which will be followed by a further explanation and a question and answer session. At this stage, girls and boys will receive these lessons separately as we feel this will allow both sexes to ask questions more freely.

The following year, when children are in their final term at this school, they will watch the menstruation video clip again, this time as a mixed group. They will also watch a video on the subject of puberty and the changes this brings. This part of the course will be more detailed and will cover the subject of human reproduction, pregnancy and birth.