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### **Purpose**

At Shiremoor Primary School each pupil will develop the skills and knowledge to make decisions. Decisions about how they relate to others can only be made if they have adequate knowledge and understanding of their own physical and emotional development. This is not a task for the school in isolation, and we seek to work with parents/carers to ensure that the teaching of sex and relationships education reflects their expectations and complements teaching at home. Parents/carers will be informed about the teaching of sex and relationships education when required so that they can decide whether or not to withdraw their child.

### **Relationship to other policies**

This policy cross-refers to the child protection, health and safety and special educational needs policies.

### **Equality impact**

This policy will help to ensure that the school takes positive action to support each child, irrespective of their sexual orientation, to make informed decisions about their happiness and well-being.

### **Roles and responsibilities of headteacher, other staff, governors**

The governing body will:

- decide whether sex and relationships education should be in the school curriculum and, if so, what it should consist of and how it should be organised
- Keep it up to date, and make it available to parents/carers
- ensure that sex and relationships education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage.

The headteacher will ensure that:

- the governing body is advised about the nature and organisation of sex and relationships education and how it reflects the aims and values of the school
- training is provided for staff to secure a consistent interpretation of school policy
- sex and relationships education is provided in a way that encourages pupils to consider relationships, morals, the value of family life, and the importance of marriage
- pupils are protected from inappropriate teaching materials
- parents/carers are informed when appropriate about the programme for sex and relationships education each term
- links are established and maintained with other agencies to ensure that appropriate support and guidance are accessible to pupils, staff and parents/carers.



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Staff who teach sex and relationships education are expected to:

- provide sex and relationships education in accordance with this policy and in a way which encourages pupils to consider morals and the value of family life
- participate in training to provide sex and relationships education in line with the school curriculum policy
- implement the agreed scheme of work
- draw to the attention of the headteacher any materials which they consider to be inappropriate
- respond appropriately to those pupils whose parents/carers wish them to be withdrawn from sex and relationships education.