



## Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust

### Relationship, Sex and Health Education Statement

Our Trust's approach to Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) follows that of the Church of England Education Office in that it seeks to be faith-sensitive and inclusive. It is underpinned by two key Biblical passages:

*"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them"*

*(Genesis 2:7)*

*"I have come in order that you might have life - life in all its fullness"*

*(John 10:10)*

In Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust, everyone will be treated with dignity as all people who are made in the image of God and are loved equally by God.

All pupils have a right to an education which enables them to flourish and is set in a learning community where differences of lifestyle and opinion (within that which is permissible under UK law) are treated with dignity and respect; where bullying of all kinds is eliminated; and where they are free to be themselves and fulfil their potential without fear.

Our Trust seeks to ensure that the RSHE curriculum protects, informs and nurtures all pupils. It clearly differentiates between factual teaching (biology, medicine, the law, marriage, different types of families and the composition of society) and moral teaching about relationships and values, recognising that the distinction can be easily blurred and that

there needs to be discernment about the manner in which this is taught. We teach RSHE within a moral (but not moralistic) framework.

RSHE in the Diocese of Bristol Academies Trust is about what constitutes wellbeing and loving care for ourselves (physical and mental health education), how we show loving care for others (relationships education) and, when at an appropriate age and stage in life, how we show loving care to those we choose to be intimate with, including within marriage (sex education).

It is also about the spiritual and moral aspects of healthy, loving and nurturing relationships within a context of a Christian vision for the purpose of life.

Pupils will consider how to ensure that they treat themselves and others, at all times and in all contexts, with dignity and respect.

### **Statement Review**

This statement has been produced by consultation with the Diocese of Bristol and Diocese of Bristol Academy Trust.

It has been produced in consultation with parents and will be reviewed in consultation with parents. It must, however, be recognised that the law specifies that what is taught and how it is taught is ultimately a decision for the school.

### History of most recent Policy changes

Date	Page	Change	Origin of Change e.g. TU request, Change in legislation
September 2021	All	New statement	New DfE statutory requirement
September 2023		No changes	
September 2024		No changes	Review at request of Trustees

Policy Owner	<b>Education Directorate</b>
Date Adopted	<b>September 2021</b>
Review Date	<b>September 2024</b>
Next Review Date	<b>3 years</b>
Level	<b>This is a Trust statement. Policies are locally written.</b>
<i>DBAT Policy levels:</i>	
LEVEL 1	DBAT policy for adoption (no changes can be made by the Academy Council; the Academy Council must adopt the policy)
LEVEL 2	DBAT policy for adoption and local approval, with areas for the Academy to update regarding local practice (the main body of the policy cannot be changed)
LEVEL 3	DBAT model policy that the Academy can adopt if it wishes
LEVEL 4	Local policy to be approved by the Academy Council