

## **WHITLEY BAY HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Sex and Relationships Education Policy**

The Education Act (1996) and Language and Skills Act (2000) require that all registered students in maintained secondary schools be provided with Sex and Relationships Education (SRE). SRE promotes lifelong learning about physical, emotional and moral development and the importance of stable, loving relationships, including marriage, in which good communication, respect and care between partners is essential. The programme also includes sex, sexuality and sexual health, including contraception.

The primary means of delivery of SRE at WBHS is through the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship programme. This policy provides a framework for SRE in line with the stated aims and ethos of the school and its Equal Opportunities policy.

#### **Aims**

- To provide students with current, accurate information to enable them to assess risk and identify appropriate support services, including the nominated Health Professionals;
- To enable students to develop the skills needed to assert their personal choices and to make informed and confident decisions regarding sex and relationships;
- To present factual, biological information and moral and emotional issues in a balanced, objective and inclusive way, encouraging respect and care for others;
- To promote an open, practical and realistic atmosphere between teachers, health professionals, parents and students regarding all aspects of sex and relationships;
- To actively involve students in their learning of SRE through feedback to staff, peer teaching and collaboration on the creation of in-house teaching resources;
- To identify changing local issues and national concerns which necessitate the review of SRE lesson and tutorial planning through liaison with Heads of Year, outside agencies, parents and students;
- To provide support and training for staff involved in the delivery of SRE through in-house training and the involvement of specialist outside agencies.

#### **How provided and by whom**

##### ***Sex and Relationships Education will be provided***

- as part of the Health module of the PSHE programme in Year 9 by PSHE teaching staff;
- through the tutorial programme in Years 10-13 by form tutors;
- via cross-curricular links in Science and RE by subject teachers;
- as one area of focus during Year 10 Health Day through outside agencies;
- through guest Theatre in Education performances and special events;
- through 'drop in' clinics provided by the School Health Advisor.

##### ***Sex and Relationships Education will involve***

- partnerships between teachers and health professionals and agencies within the local community to share information on current SRE issues and to devise effective strategies for delivery;
- regular support and training for PSHE staff and tutors;
- a regular audit of teaching materials, to ensure appropriateness, accuracy and relevance;
- communication with parents and provision of support through SRE workshops;
- students' participation in the development of in-house teaching and training resources.

#### **Monitoring and Assessment**

The PSHE co-ordinator has overall responsibility for monitoring and assessment of SRE provision. This will include

- annual review of PSHE Health module based on staff and student evaluations;
- annual review of tutorial materials for each year group based on evaluations from tutors, students and Heads of Year;
- observation of staff delivering SRE material.

The named staff member responsible for SRE is Clare McClean.

The named Governors' Committee is Curriculum and Student Affairs.

This policy will be referred to the Curriculum and Student Affairs Committee every three years for revision.