



St Mark's C.E. Primary School

Talbot Village, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH10 4JA

Headteacher: Andrew Bright

Friday 3 July 2026

Consultation on the PHSE & RSE policy (for implementation September 2026)

Dear Parents, Carers and other stakeholders,

As part of our ongoing review of school policies and practice, we are inviting your comments on St Mark's PHSE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) policy for the 2026/27 academic year.

Why we are consulting

- From September 2026 we will be teaching PHSE using the Kapow scheme. This follows staff and parent feedback about our current Jigsaw programme, and a decision to stop using Jigsaw at the end of this term.

Please note: this consultation is about the school's PHSE & RSE policy (how and when we teach RSE, parental rights, safeguarding approaches, inclusions for SEND and EAL pupils, and assessment and reporting). It is not a consultation on the detailed content of the Kapow lessons themselves.

What the policy covers (summary)

- The principles and aims of our PHSE and statutory RSE provision, aligned with our vision "Loving God and Serving others" and our values to Respect, Aspire & Rejoice.
- How we deliver RSE across key stages and how we ensure lessons are age-appropriate, inclusive and accessible to pupils with SEND and EAL.
- Parental rights and the process for withdrawing pupils from those elements of RSE where withdrawal is permitted.
- Safeguarding and reporting arrangements; staff training and quality assurance.
- How we will consider religious character and community values while meeting statutory requirements.

About RSE

As part of the primary PSHE curriculum, Relationships Education and Health Education are statutory subjects. Although Sex Education is not compulsory at primary level, schools may choose to teach an additional Year 6 unit to help prepare pupils for the transition to secondary school.

At St Mark's, we believe it is important that our children receive accurate, age-appropriate information before moving on to Key Stage 3, and therefore we will be teaching the optional Year 6 Sex Education unit. Further details of the content covered can be found in the PHSE and RSE policy. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from these specific lessons and should follow guidance in the policy about how to do this.

How to read the policy

A copy of the proposed [PHSE & RSE policy for 2026/27](#) is available on the [school website](#) and in printed form, on request, from the school office.

Consultation period

The consultation is open from Friday 3 July 2026 until Friday 17 July 2026 (inclusive). Please ensure we receive any comments by 3.30pm on 17 July 2026.

How to give feedback

Follow [this link](#) to a short Form where you can leave comments about the policy or use the QR code at the top of the letter.

What will happen next

We will consider all feedback, summarise the responses and publish a short report on the school website by the start of the Autumn term 2026. Any changes to the policy will be notified to parents before lessons begin under the Kapow scheme.

Kapow curriculum & information for parents

[Please click here to find out more about the Kapow scheme of learning](#)

Thank you for taking the time to read the policy and to share your views. We value the partnership between home and school – your feedback helps ensure our approach supports every pupil to flourish.

Kind regards,



Andrew Bright
Headteacher