



Unity College Blackpool

Sex Education Policy

We have a clear responsibility to ensure that pupils are adequately prepared for adult life. During their time in this school pupils will experience changes physically, psychologically and emotionally. At the same time they will become aware of changing social practices and conflicting values. This policy has been devised with the intention of helping pupils to form sensible, informed, mature and balanced judgements. An important feature of sex education at Unity College is that it is given in such a manner as to encourage pupils to have due regard to moral consideration and the value of family life.

All pupils will be taught about the following:

Human reproduction including development of the embryo and child birth.

Personal hygiene and physical changes at puberty

Methods of contraception and abortion

Sexually transmitted diseases including HIV

The laws relating to sexual activity.

Sex Education will be organised as follows:

The Science Department will teach human reproduction in Years 7, 8, 10 as part of the schemes of work for Biological Science.

The History and Geography Departments regularly consider the implications of population growth and ways of limiting it

R.E. considers the moral issues linked to sexual matters

Other aspects of Sex Education are covered in PD lessons. The Deputy Head and the PD coordinator will be responsible for the planning of these lessons. The Deputy Head will arrange special sessions to cover Sex Education in Years 10, 11.

Suitable guest speakers will be used at the discretion of staff to supplement and complement the school teaching staff

A full range of films, videos and text books will be used during lessons

All pupils will have equal access to the Sex Education programme

Parents do have the right of withdrawal for their children from sex education. However this will only be granted after a full discussion of the issues between parents and the Headteacher.