

What's changing with Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

Information for schools, settings, parents and carers



The Welsh Government believes that all young people should have the right to access information that keeps them safe from harm. This includes learning about healthy relationships, keeping safe including online, and being confident to raise issues with responsible adults.

Parents have a central role to play. There is also a crucial role for schools - especially in a world where there is so much misinformation and harmful materials online.

The new Curriculum for Wales will support schools to build safe environments.

THE DRAFT RSE CODE AND STATUTORY GUIDANCE



RSE is a positive and protective part of the Curriculum for Wales. It plays a central role in supporting learners' rights to enjoy fulfilling, healthy and safe relationships throughout their lives.

All learners in Wales will benefit from RSE education.

'The Code' sets out clearly what learners should be taught at different periods in their development. 'The Guidance' will support high quality teaching and learning... The Welsh Government is talking to a range of different groups, including faith groups and groups representing the interests of young people.

A DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION (RSE)

The RSE curriculum will need to be developmentally appropriate for children and young people – for example a five year old child in the Foundation Phase is currently taught about relationships with parents, family and friends. This will continue.

The aim is to gradually build learners knowledge, skills and values as they develop.

This includes recognising, understanding and speaking out about all forms of discrimination, violence, abuse and neglect and to seek support and advice on a range of issues from trusted sources.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED?

The recent public consultation is available to view here: <https://gov.wales/curriculum-wales-guidance-and-code-relationships-and-sexuality-education-rse>

The final guidance will be published early 2022.