

# **BOURNES GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL**

## **SEX EDUCATION POLICY**

**SUMMER 2009**

Personnel: PHSE Co-Ordinator and Governor with responsibility for health education

Review Date: Annually

### **Rationale**

The Governing Body believes that sex education is an essential and integral part of a balanced and broadly based curriculum and should be taught in Key Stage 2.

### **Equal Opportunities**

The school's sex education policy and programme shall be in accordance with our policy on equal opportunities. We intend that the subject be taught so that the equal, but different, natures of men and women are not compromised.

Sex education is organised in the school by a co-ordinator who will have responsibility for the implementation of the policy. We will endeavour to provide male and female role models whenever possible.

### **Aims and Objectives**

1. Sex education goes to the heart of people's moral, religious and emotional codes and society's views and values.
2. Sex education will be taught in an atmosphere where questions about sexuality and reproduction can be asked and answered without embarrassment on either side.
3. Pupils should be able to recognise the physical, emotional and moral implications and risks of certain types of behaviour and to accept that both sexes must behave responsibly in sexual matters.

Every child is entitled to participation in Sex Education, although the Education Act 1993 gives parents the right to withdraw their child from any or all of the schools sex education programme.

We will inform parents of the Sex Education video shown to Year 6 children and assume that all children will participate unless parents notify the school to the contrary.

Parents wishing to discuss specific aspects of the planned curriculum are invited to make an appointment with the Headteacher.

## **Organisation**

In years 3, 4 and 5, if questions concerned with issues relating to sex education arise informally from a wide range of topic work, teachers will answer and discuss openly and honestly.

In year 6, children will all watch a video concerned with puberty and resulting health and hygiene matters. This will be followed by class discussion where boys and girls will be encouraged to talk and question openly without embarrassment. Appreciation and valuing of each individual is vital, as is the mutual understanding of issues relating to puberty faced by each gender.

Children must feel free to discuss any matter further with their class teacher or school nurse if necessary.