

Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil

085 1048188

(Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE))

School Details

Ainm na Scoile: Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil
Seoladh: Club Rugbaí na Seanchríostaithe
Rath Chuana,
Gleann Maghair
Co. Chorcaí
Uimhir gutháin: 0214822482
Category: multidenominational
3 Teacher
No. on roll : 48

Introductory Statement

This policy was formulated in 2007/8 . The following were on the RSE Committee

- Teachers: Siobhán Ní Chatháin, príomhóide/principal, Lesley Wheeler, class teacher
- Board of Management Members: Éanna Ó Brádaigh (Cathaoirleach) agus Clár Míoch,
- Parents: Aidan Bartley agus Maria Fitzgerald.

Rationale

Every Primary school has an obligation to provide a policy statement for R.S.E. and how it is provided in school for the children.

School Philosophy

- Gaelscoil Uí Drisceoil is a multidenominational Gaelscoil whose ethos is
- Gaelcoil - a school in which all subjects are taught through the medium of Irish in an attractive encouraging environment. Irish is the language of the school community, between children, teachers and management.
- Multi-denominational i.e. all children having equal rights of access to the school, and children of all social, cultural and religious backgrounds being equally respected.
- Co-educational and committed to encouraging all children to explore their full range of abilities and opportunities
- Child centred in their approach to education

- Democratically run with active participation by parents in the daily life of the school whilst positively affirming the professional role of the teachers

The Principal and Chairperson of the Board of Management will be happy to answer any questions pertaining to this policy. In the event that there are discrepancies between the Irish/English version of this policy, the Irish version will take precedence.

Definition of RSE

R.S.E. aims to provide opportunities for children and young people to learn about relationships and sexuality in ways that help them think and act in a moral, caring and responsible way.

Relationship of RSE to SPHE

Social, Personal and Health Education contributes to developing the work of the school in promoting the health and well-being of children and young people. This happens in the context of their emotional, moral, social and spiritual growth, as well as their intellectual, physical, political and creative development.

Current School Provision

Because we are a new school this year we have no history in the provision of R.S.E. We intend to provide the following courses to implement our policy;

- OSPS - SPHE
- An Cúrsa O.C.G.(RSE Programme)
- Bí Sabhálte/ (Stay Safe)
- Misneach

School programmes will be put in place to promote self confidence. Informally an understanding supportive climate will be encouraged in the school and the School rules will be enforced (as in the Behaviour Code)

Aims of RSE Programme.

- ❖ To help young people develop healthy friendships and relationships
- ❖ To enable young people to develop healthy attitudes and values towards their sexuality in a moral, spiritual and social framework
- ❖ To enhance the personal development, self-esteem and wellbeing of the child
- ❖ To promote knowledge of and respect for reproduction

- ❖ To develop and promote in the child a sense of wonder and awe at the process of birth and new life
- ❖ To enable the child to be comfortable with the sexuality of oneself and others while growing and developing

Guidelines for the Management and Organisation of RSE in our school
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Curriculum Matters

- ✓ Curriculum Content- the Curriculum as published by the N.C.C.A. will be followed through the classes from Naíonáin Shóisearacha to Rang a Sé/6th Class.
- ✓ All resources used will be in keeping with the ethos of the school and this policy.
- ✓ In a multi class situation, the younger class/classes will be withdrawn when topics being taught are not age-appropriate.
- ✓ With gender specific topics, the boys and girls will be taught in a single sex environment initially, and then it will be discussed with the united class
- ✓ When an outside speaker is used, the class teacher is responsible for making them aware of school policy and that teacher will always sit in during the lesson.

Organisational Matters

- ✓ If there are children whose parents wish them withdrawn for the sexually sensitive topics, they will be accommodated in another teacher's classroom.
- ✓ With regard to matters of a confidential nature managed, the school cannot take any responsibility for what is discussed in the yard or the classroom.
- ✓ Any teacher has the right to opt-out from teaching the sexually sensitive issues in R.S.E. It is the Responsibility of the BoM to ensure that the curriculum will be taught to the children by another teacher or a guest speaker.
- ✓ Parents are invited to view the curriculum and may speak to the class teacher if they have any concerns.
- ✓ In this school , the parents are acknowledged as primary educators of their children and the school will work in a supportive role.
- ✓ It is recognised that a parent has the right to withdraw a child from an R.S.E. specific class on the understanding that the parent is taking full responsibility for this aspect of education themselves. It is the parent's responsibility to inform the school of this decision in writing.

Dealing with Questions

- ✓ All questions within the parameters of the curriculum will be answered. The following topics will not be discussed; Abortion, masturbation, homosexuality, contraception. Questions within the class may be oral or written and will be answered within the bounds of the curriculum and this policy. If inappropriate personal questions are asked the teacher will refer the child to his/her parents. The school cannot guarantee confidentiality if a child asks a question of a personal nature themselves or discloses personal information.

Contract/Ground Rules

- Respect for all
- Laughter is allowed- no laughing at anyone
- No personal questions
- We don't name or talk about other people during the teaching of these lessons
- Discuss all content with Mammy or Daddy, but not with anyone younger or not present here today
- Promise re confidentiality and questions asked in class

Provision for ongoing support



Parents are invited to view the curriculum . Parents are informed of the sensitive topics covered and a copy of the home-schools link page is sent home also

Review

*This policy will be reviewed by the R.S.E. committee March 2011
Parents and staff will be informed of any amendments made by the R.S.E. committee.*

Ratification and Communication

Policy available on school website