

West Pelton Primary School & Nursery



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SRE Curriculum Intent

Sex and relationship education (SRE) is only compulsory from year 7 onwards. This is laid out in the [National Curriculum](#). However, maintained primary schools are required to teach the elements of sex education contained in the science curriculum, which is the approach we take at Cassop Primary School.

For example, the [Key Stage \(KS\)1 and KS2 programmes of study for science](#) show that in KS1 it's a statutory requirement for pupils to be taught to "notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults".

The focus should be on helping pupils to recognise growth and "they should not be expected to understand how reproduction occurs."

Under the National Curriculum, the basics of Sex Education fall within the science curriculum. The statutory content requires maintained schools to teach children about human development, including puberty, and reproduction. Please see the DfE Science Programme of Study below, which includes specific content for each year group.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/425618/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Science.pdf

In **Key Stage 1**, pupils will:

Be introduced to the process of reproduction and growth in animals. They should be introduced to the concepts of reproduction and growth, but not how reproduction occurs.

In **Key Stage 2**, pupils will:

Be taught about different types of reproduction, including sexual and asexual reproduction in plants and sexual reproduction in animals. Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty.