

HOW READY FOR STATUTORY RSE ARE YOU? **ANSWERS**



1. The Children and Social Work Act was passed in March 2017, making Relationships and Sex Education statutory. What else has the Government recently decided will be statutory alongside RSE?

- a. Computing b. Character education c. **Health Education**

Health Education will also be mandatory in all schools (except Independent schools who must already teach PSHE), and includes learning about feelings and emotions, mental health, first aid and puberty.

2. Which type of schools should start teaching the new RSE curriculum from September 2019?

- a. secondary schools b. **those that are ready** c. primary schools

Government is encouraging schools that are ready to begin teaching the new curriculum from September 2019 and allowing schools needing more support to use the additional time to prepare ahead of a blanket mandatory requirement from September 2020.

3. Which of the following types of school will have to provide Relationships and Sex Education?

- a. free schools b. independent schools c. maintained schools d. faith schools
e. academies f. special schools g. **all**

The new legislation applies to all schools. The requirement for all secondary schools is for Relationships and Sex Education. The requirement for all primary schools is Relationships Education, with all primaries recommended to have a programme of sex education.

4. Will parents have the right to excuse their child from Relationships Education?

- a. Yes b. **no** c. it's up to the school to decide

This is the case for both primary and secondary Relationships Education. [See FAQs](#)

5. Will parents have the right to withdraw from sex education?

- a. **Yes** b. no c. it's up to the school to decide

This is the case for both primary and secondary sex education. However a child may opt into sex education from age 15. [See FAQs](#)

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6. How will schools know what to teach?

- a. From the updated Government RSE guidance b. From a new National Curriculum programme of study for RSE c. From a new GCSE syllabus

The new legislation places RSE and Relationships Education in the basic school curriculum. This allows schools flexibility in developing their programme as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. RSE will not be a National Curriculum subject and there is no obligation to examine the subject. Draft updated Government guidance on RSE includes tables listing what pupils should know 'by the end of primary' and 'by the end of secondary'.

7. Research shows that RSE is more effective if it

- a. works in partnership with parents b. is taught by trained educators
c. includes a comprehensive range of topics including sexual and reproductive health information d. all

[See our poster](#) - which displays 12 evidence-based principles for RSE.

8. Can faith schools choose to teach a faith perspective on aspects of RSE?

- a. no b. Yes

Faith and non-faith schools can choose to teach faith perspectives on aspects of RSE, with balanced debate on issues that may be seen as contentious. In all schools, teaching should reflect the law as it applies to relationships, so that young people clearly understand what the law allows and does not allow, and the wider legal implications of decisions they may make.

9. How many education unions support the statement of commitment to RSE produced by the Sex Education Forum?

- a. none b. three c. six

[Six education unions are supporting the 12 principles of our 'statement of commitment to RSE'](#), these are NEU, NAHT, Voice, Unison, ASCL and NASUWT.

10. For how many years did the Sex Education Forum call for all children and young people to receive their entitlement to RSE?

- a. 30 years b. 3 years c. 300 years

'Since we began in 1987, although there were no doubt other activists who believed that children and young people must have RSE before that'

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