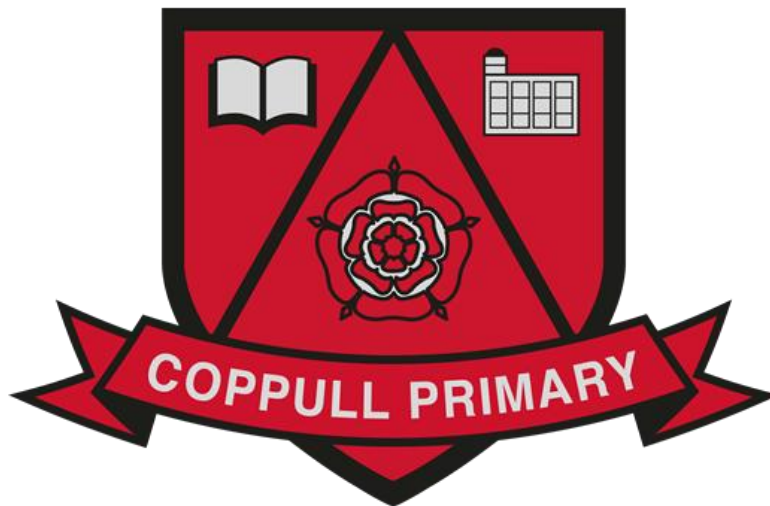


# **Coppull Primary School**

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# **Nursery**



**Aim High – Respect All – Enjoy Learning - Achieve**

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**Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education  
(PSHE)**

**Incorporating Relationships, Sex and Health Education  
(RSE)**

## **Intention**

### **Overview and Aims:**

This policy sets out our approach and rationale for delivering a high quality and robust Personal Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum including Relationships and Sex Health Education (RSE). This policy is in line with statutory requirements set out by the Department for Education (DFE) including the updated 2025 guidance that becomes statutory from September 2026.

PSHE, including RSE, is a key component of our safeguarding culture, equipping children with the knowledge and skills to build positive relationships, understand boundaries, recognise risks, seek help and make informed decisions about their wellbeing.

We firmly believe that a high-quality education in topics relating to pupils' health, personal wellbeing and social skills enables children to develop into healthier, confident members of society, who act responsibly towards themselves and others. Through this, pupils are encouraged to play a positive role in contributing to the life of the school and the wider community. We ensure that the children experience the process of democracy and appreciate what it means to be a positive member of a diverse and multi-cultural society.

Our PSHE/RSE educational curriculum, provides a framework through which key skills, attributes and knowledge can be developed and applied. The DfE (2025) states that 'all primary schools will be required to provide relationships education and recommends that all primary schools should have a Sex Education programme, tailored to the age, the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It is our decision, at Coppull Primary School and Nursery to continue with this practice and deliver the non-statutory lessons to year 6 only.

The updated Government statutory guidance can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-RSE-and-health-education>

Our curriculum is enhanced through the schools Core Values: Aim High, Respect All, Enjoy Learning and Achieve and is designed with the intention that pupils will develop vital knowledge and skills needed for life.

### **Implementation:**

We balance proactive planning with the occasional need for reactive provision, meaning that, if the needs of our pupils change suddenly, we adapt our planning accordingly to best support our pupils. To ensure that pupils feel comfortable learning about a range of topics, staff create a safe learning environment, reminding pupils of the need to be sensitive and mature to the views of others. Staff will also use a range of skills, including distancing techniques and a class wonder box. They will answer children's questions factually and honestly in an age-appropriate way and respond to any disclosures following the school's safeguarding procedures/policy. Support is provided to children experiencing difficulties on a one-to-one basis, via staff or our Wellbeing Team following discussion and consent from parents where appropriate.

The Early Years Personal, Social and Emotional (PSE) curriculum is underpinned by the Early Years Framework (2025)

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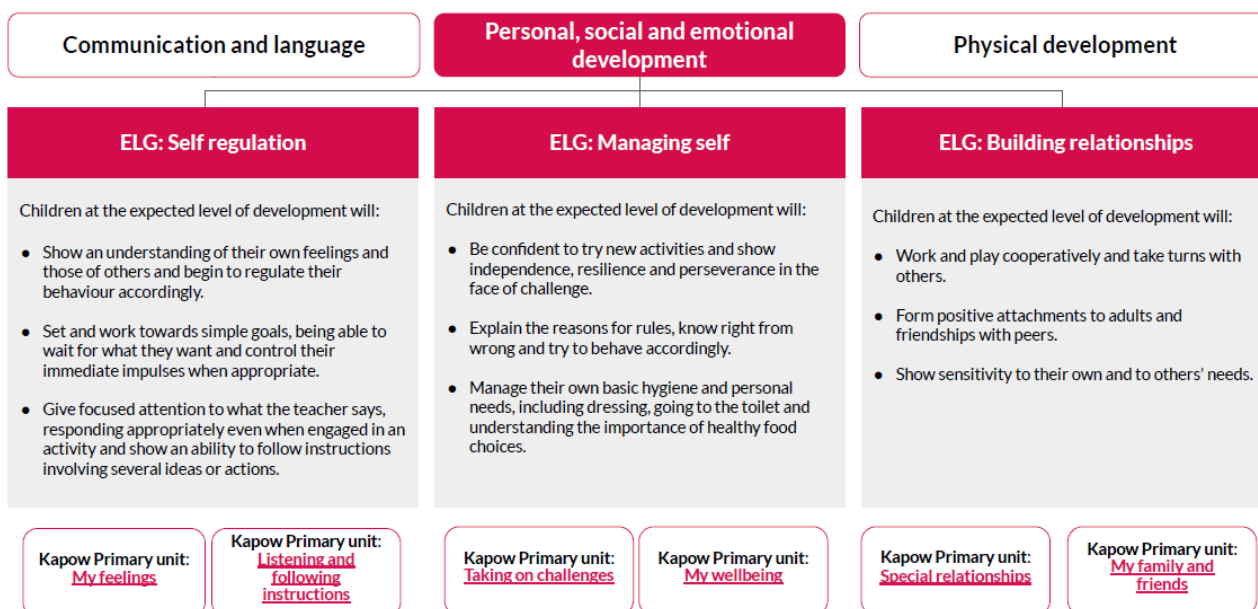
PSE development is one of the three prime areas in the Statutory Framework for EYFS (2025).

The prime areas:

Communication and language, Physical development and Personal, social and emotional development lay the foundations for pupils' success in all areas of learning and life.

The Early Learning Goals (ELG) below summarise the knowledge, skills and understanding that all pupils should have gained by the end of Reception. These goals are referenced throughout Kapow's Primary PSHE/RSE lesson plans, alongside the relevant non-statutory Development Matters guidance.

EYFS content is organised under the most relevant ELG, though these areas are closely linked and often overlap.



Teaching staff use open prompts, stories, songs and continuous provision to support the pupil's development. Child-led, adult-led and play based activities allow adults to guide learning and conversations so pupils can name feelings, talk about their experiences and begin to understand how others might feel. Children are supported throughout the EYFS curriculum to develop their self-esteem, confidence, resilience, friendships and ways to stay safe.

This approach reflects the EYFS characteristics of effective learning, which emphasise active engagement, exploration and early critical thinking.

The KS1 and KS2 PSHE/RSE curriculum is embedded throughout the entire school's curriculum and culture. It is built around a spiral curriculum of recurring themes, designed to revisit and build upon prior learning knowledge and skills so pupils have the opportunity to make connections between themes. This supports pupil's development in an age-appropriate way while also ensuring their knowledge increases with complexity as they move through their primary school years.

## Four Strands:

Our Curriculum is underpinned by four strands that run throughout every year group. The first three strands are drawn from the EYFS Framework and extended through KS1 and KS2 to ensure continuity in pupils' social and emotional development. The fourth strand, Critical thinking, reflects the growing need for pupils to question what they see and hear – especially online – and to make informed, thoughtful decisions.

These strands are woven through the curriculum so that as pupils build knowledge, they also develop the personal and social competencies they need to thrive.

**\*Self-regulation** - Self-regulation involves recognising and managing emotions, thoughts and behaviour. It includes understanding feelings and their causes, staying calm when facing challenges, dealing with conflict respectfully and staying focused to follow instructions and complete tasks. Developing self-regulation helps pupils to manage themselves in the moment, especially when responding to others or facing challenging situations.

**\*Managing self** - Managing self means taking responsibility for personal needs, choices and behaviour. It includes looking after the body, health and general wellbeing; for example, keeping clean and healthy, trying again when things go wrong and learning and following rules. Developing this strand helps pupils take greater ownership of their behaviour, routines and choices.

**\*Building relationships** - Building relationships means making positive connections with different people, including friends, family members, adults in school and others in the community. To achieve this, pupils learn to start and join conversations respectfully, communicate in different situations, build trust by showing respect and set clear personal boundaries. Developing this strand helps pupils form and maintain strong, healthy connections with others over time.

**\*Critical thinking** - Critical thinking is the ability to think independently and make thoughtful, well-informed decisions. It involves asking questions, exploring ideas and considering different perspectives to interpret information and form balanced opinions. In a world where information is everywhere – and not always reliable – critical thinking helps pupils to question what they see, hear and read, including online.

## Exploring the Key Areas of Learning in KS1 and KS2:

To achieve our aims and intentions, staff utilise one main scheme of learning, Kapow Primary. Pol-ED resources may also be used to support teaching staff to deliver specific topics alongside bespoke resources and planning developed by our own staff in order to deliver a high-quality and highly personalised PSHE curriculum for all of our pupils. Pupils will receive weekly PSHE lessons within their usual class environment.

Kapow Primary's PSHE/RSE scheme has been designed as a spiral curriculum using the following key principles:

- Cyclical – Pupils revisit the key areas throughout KS1 and KS2.
- Increasing depth – Each time a key area is revisited, it is covered with greater depth and increasing maturity.
- Prior knowledge – Upon returning to each key area, prior knowledge is utilised so pupils can build on previous foundations, rather than starting again.

Pupils will receive weekly PSHE lessons, within their usual class environment, that have been planned and personalised by our staff, in order to cover both statutory and non-statutory objectives in PSHE/RSE.

Kapow Primary organises the statutory PSHE/RSE curriculum into the following key areas through a spiral curriculum which builds upon pupils' knowledge and skills each year:

### **My healthy self – (statutory)**

This unit helps pupils understand how to look after their mental and physical health. Pupils learn to recognise their feelings and moods, identify signs of good and poor mental health and understand how to seek support for themselves or others. They also learn to care for their physical health through hygiene routines, healthy eating and staying active. They consider the impact of a poor diet or sedentary lifestyle and identify the choices they can make to improve their health. Alongside this, they learn how to manage poor health and ask for help when needed.

### **Connecting with others – (statutory)**

This unit focuses on building positive relationships and recognising the value of healthy, supportive connections in people's lives. Pupils learn about various family structures and how families can contribute to a sense of safety and love. Pupils explore how to start and maintain friendships, manage conflict and communicate appropriately and respectfully with others, including adults. Additionally, pupils learn about the importance of setting boundaries in relationships, respecting others' boundaries and having mutual respect for one another as well as self-respect for themselves.

### **The online world – (statutory)**

Many children spend a lot of time online. This key area helps pupils to recognise when they are online and to use the internet positively and stay safe. Pupils learn to identify online risks, be discerning about the information they read and understand the effects of time spent online. Pupils also draw on their learning from 'Connecting with others' and 'Staying safe' units to reflect on how they interact with others and manage hazards in the digital world.

### **Citizenship (non-statutory) –**

This unit helps prepare pupils to be active, responsible members of society and to manage money confidently in later life. Pupils learn about communities, rights and responsibilities, how government systems work and how individuals and groups can bring about change. They also develop an understanding of money, including wants and needs, value for money, budgeting and saving. Pupils also explore career choices, challenge workplace stereotypes and encourage pupils to consider how their decisions affect both themselves and others. A Debt Aware programme for Y5/6 pupils enhances the Citizenship topic.

### **Health protection – (statutory)**

This unit helps pupils learn how to respond in emergency situations, including when and how to call the emergency services and what information to give. They also cover how to manage basic injuries and how to prevent illness through hygiene practices and immunisation.

### **Growing up – (statutory)**

In KS1, this unit supports pupils to become more independent and manage their needs both at home and at school. As pupils get older, they explore the physical and emotional changes that happen during puberty and help prepare them for the transition to the next year group.

### **Staying safe – (statutory)**

This unit supports pupils to recognise both physical and social hazards and understand how to stay safe in different situations. Building on their learning in the 'Connecting with others' units, pupils begin to identify warning signs in relationships. They will learn how to respond in the moment and report concerns. Pupils will also explore physical hazards, including road and railway safety, water safety, electrical safety and general safety at home and in the wider environment.

The following units are non-statutory, meaning schools can choose whether and how to teach them:

### **Optional Year 6 Sex education.**

In Year 6, for schools that choose to teach non-statutory sex education, this is an additional unit which builds on the statutory learning covered in 'Growing up' unit. Pupils will learn the correct terminology for body parts, pupils develop an understanding of how babies are conceived, grow during pregnancy and are born. They learn about consent and the legal age of consent, explore different types of families, and understand the responsibilities and lifelong commitment involved in having a baby.

### **Optional Year 6 First aid**

The Year 6 First Aid unit is optional. It extends learning from the health protection unit and may be taught instead of the non-statutory Year 6 Sex Education unit.

At Coppull Primary School and Nursery, we are committed to maintaining strong relationships with parents and carers and acknowledge the need for transparency in order to promote healthy discussions at home. For this reason, parents and carers are welcome to view our resources ahead of the delivery of non-statutory sex education and to discuss their use with the class teacher, PSHE subject lead or Senior Leadership team.

Our PSHE/RSE Curriculum focus on different types of knowledge:

\* **Substantive knowledge** - the core facts, concepts and statutory content that pupils are expected to know and understand.

\* **Personal knowledge** – the pupils' growing awareness of themselves, their feelings, values and identities.

\* **Disciplinary knowledge** – This does not refer to a single subject discipline in the way it does in other subjects. Instead, it reflects how pupils learn to understand where guidance about health, wellbeing, relationships and safety comes from and how to judge its reliability. Our curriculum supports disciplinary knowledge by supporting pupils to question information, recognise evidence-based advice and distinguish fact from opinion. This is developed primarily through the critical thinking strand, which supports pupils to make informed and responsible decisions.

Wider Knowledge and skills that are also taught include:

\***Digital literacy** - Pupils learn and embed the knowledge of how to use technology safely and responsibly, make informed choices online and understand how their digital behaviour affects themselves and others. All parent's and pupils (where appropriate) are asked to sign an online safety agreement. Further details can be found in the Online Safety policy.

While technical skills are taught elsewhere, RSE & PSHE supports pupils to develop the judgement, awareness and respectful behaviour they need to navigate online spaces with confidence.

\***Oracy** - Our PSHE/RSE curriculum gives pupils regular opportunities to develop their oracy skills. Pupils discuss scenarios, share ideas and explain their thinking using key vocabulary. They role-play situations such as asking for help or being assertive and are encouraged to consider how tone of voice, volume and body language support their message. Pupils ask and answer questions, express their opinions in a respectful and thoughtful way and collaborate in pairs or groups. They also practise summarising key information, helping them to communicate clearly and confidently in a range of personal and social contexts.

\***Sustainability** - Through the Citizenship themes, pupils explore environmental awareness as part of their rights and responsibilities within the wider community. Lessons highlight how caring for the planet is connected to caring for others, encouraging empathy, activism and a shared sense of global citizenship.

\***Critical thinking and media literacy** - Critical thinking is a key strand of the RSE & PSHE curriculum. Through discussion, questioning and exploring scenarios, pupils consider different

viewpoints, recognise fairness, spot pressure and judge whether something feels right or safe. This enhances their understanding that health, safety and wellbeing guidance is based on evidence, expertise and law. Pupils will develop media and information literacy by questioning and thinking carefully about people's intentions when they offer gifts or attention and learning to understand medical information.

**\*Spiritual, Moral, Social, and Cultural (SMSC) development** – Our PSHE/RSE curriculum gives pupils regular opportunities to explore different perspectives, reflect on ethical and emotional issues and think about what is right and fair. Pupils collaborate with others, build positive relationships and learn to value and respect people from different backgrounds, families and cultures.

**\*British Values** – Our curriculum promotes and explicitly teaches the British values of: Individual liberty, Mutual respect, Democracy, The rule of law and Tolerance of those with different faiths or beliefs. Pupils learn to listen to and respect differing opinions, understand why rules and laws keep people safe, recognise their rights and responsibilities and value the beliefs and lifestyles of others. Lessons encourage debate, fairness and an understanding of how communities' function, helping pupils develop into thoughtful, respectful and active citizens.

**\*Cultural Capital** – We will build cultural capital by giving pupils experiences and knowledge they may not otherwise encounter, helping to prepare them for life beyond school. PSHE/RSE contributes to pupils' cultural capital by giving them the essential knowledge and skills they need to participate confidently in society. Pupils learn about different families and communities, how democratic and social structures function and how to communicate and interact respectfully with others. They develop the vocabulary and social understanding needed to navigate relationships, make informed choices and engage with the wider world.

In addition to our PSHE/RSE education programme, we strive to enrich the children's' learning by offering cross-curricular and extra-curricular activities and opportunities.

These include:

- Assemblies.
- Elected School Council members being 'the voice of the children'.
- House system.
- Eco Council.
- After school clubs.
- Sports clubs, competitions, the mile a day and making use of our running track.
- Cookery sessions for families supported by Chorley Borough Council
- Links within our local community (Yarrow Valley Park, Coppull Methodist Church, The Beeches Care home, Coppull Library and the local Police force)
- Outside learning opportunities.
- Engaging in local fundraising events e.g. Children in Need, Sport Relief, Red Nose Day.
- Visitors to school.
- Mini Breakfast.
- Wellbeing team - Family Support 1-1 sessions.
- Wellbeing team - Nurture sessions.
- Wellbeing team - KidSafe sessions.

We will regularly invite visitors into school to enrich our curriculum, such as:

- Police.
- Fire Brigade.
- Money Management.
- British Rail.
- British Waterways.
- Local church leaders.

We want our pupils to Aim High, Respect All, Enjoy Learning and Achieve, this is supported through our 'School Value's which are celebrated each half term.

**Respect – Kindness – Happiness – Resilience – Patience - Honesty.**

*(The school values have been selected through consultation with all stakeholders)*

Coppull Primary School has their own personalised 'Five Golden Rules' which underpin the ethos of the school and are followed by both staff and pupils.

They are:

- We respect one another.
- We respect our own and other people's property.
- We listen when others are speaking.
- We do as we are asked to do.
- We keep our hands and feet to ourselves.

We are also embedding 'Five Ways to Well-being!' Pupils learn about the positive and negative effects on their own and others well-being and strategies they can use to improve mental health. We focus activities and teaching on a different theme during our 'Feel Good Friday' sessions. The themes are:

<b>Five Ways to Well-being!</b>	<b>Connect</b>	<b>Give to others</b>	<b>Be active</b>	<b>Keep learning</b>	<b>Take notice</b>	<b>Pupils Choice</b>
<b>Feel Good Friday Themes.</b>	Good relationships help our brains produce chemicals that make us happy. They give us a sense of belonging and self-worth.	Acts of giving and kindness towards other people or in your community creates positive feelings and a sense of reward.	Physical activity is good for <u>our</u> minds and bodies, reducing stress and anxiety and boosting confidence.	Learning new things <u>gives</u> you new perspectives on the world around you and opens doors to new opportunities.	Stopping to take in the present moment can give a more balanced outlook on life and help keep us from worrying about the past or future.	Pupils should hold a vote to decide which theme to recap and then help to decide what activity to complete.

**Answering Questions:**

At times, pupils may ask questions that go beyond the scope of their stage of education, including those withdrawn from sex education. Where this is the case, teachers will respond in a professional, factual and age-appropriate manner without sharing information beyond the scope of the primary school curriculum, or non-statutory content if withdrawn. Staff will use anatomically correct names for body parts in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner.

**Enrichment:**

At times, we may supplement our PSHE curriculum with themed sessions and/or external visitors. Staff will evaluate visitors to ensure they are chosen purposefully to enhance learning and meet the specific needs of the pupils. Safeguarding policies and procedures will be adhered to in-line with whole-school policy.

Enrichment Days will take place throughout the year across a range of subjects, including PSHE/RSE, parents will be informed of the aims of the day ahead of time.

**Right to Withdraw:**

We recognise that some families may have hesitation with regard to some aspects of the RSE curriculum. We are committed to maintaining transparency and positive communication with

families, where concerns are present. Parents and carers have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of the non-statutory Sex Education our school teaches but not Relationships Education. They do not have a right to withdraw their children from those aspects of Sex Education that are taught in the statutory National Curriculum Science and Health Education. If a parent or carer wishes to withdraw their child from non-statutory RSE in year 6, they should contact their class teacher in the first instance to discuss their concerns. Following this, discussion can be arranged with the PSHE Lead and/or a member of our Senior Leadership team to ensure that parents/carers are given every opportunity to understand the purpose and content of Relationships Education and Sex Education. Good communication and opportunities for parents to understand and ask questions about our school's approach help increase confidence in the curriculum. Should parents/carers still wish to withdraw their child from the non-statutory curriculum in Year 6 the necessary paperwork will be completed. The school is responsible for ensuring that, should a child be withdrawn, they receive appropriate, purposeful education during the period of withdrawal (option Y6 First Aid lesson).

## Parental Access to Curriculum Materials:

Ongoing communication with parent/carers is important to us, a whole school PSHE/RSE overview will be available on the school website. We will continue to provide information about what is planned to be taught and when, this will be provided through letters, curriculum overviews, dojo and Kapow parental portal. Opportunities will be provided for parents to view examples of curriculum materials and resources ahead of the delivery of the Year 6 Sex Education lessons. This will allow parents/carers to support their child's development at home alongside the curriculum taught in school. Should further information be desired, parents/carers can request a meeting to discuss our curriculum and view materials with the class teacher, PSHE lead or a member of Senior Leadership team.

Please visit the Kapow parent portal for further information about the PSHE/RSE curriculum, <https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/curriculum/rse-pshe-parent-information/>

## Inclusion:

Our PSHE/RSE curriculum is designed to reflect the diversity of modern society, ensuring all pupils feel respected and represented. Lessons include scenarios featuring a wide range of characters and perspectives, allowing pupils to encounter different cultures, family structures, household situations, neurotypes and economic backgrounds. This approach helps pupils recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and encourages them to treat others with understanding and respect. Our lessons are flexible and allow for teachers, who are skilled in adapting curriculum content, to meet the needs of the children in their class and to adjust their content in order to meet the learning outcomes.

Our school ensures that the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) elements of the PSHE education programme is relevant to all pupils. All pupils learn together about all the changes that someone may experience as they go through puberty to help develop empathy and understanding and to reduce incidences of teasing or stigma.

Coppull Primary School and Nursery acknowledges different ethnic, religious and cultural attitudes, as well as

recognising that pupils may come from a variety of family situations and home backgrounds. Our curriculum, teaching and resources promote diversity and inclusion in Relationships Education. At Coppull Primary, we recognise that not all people are the same. We teach our pupils to value and respect others, regardless of difference. Our PSHE curriculum, teaching and resources promote this through a balance of honesty, reflection of different scenarios and delivering sensitive, age appropriate/developmental stage of our pupils. This helps create a safe environment for all pupils and staff.

## Meeting the needs of pupils with SEND in PSHE including RSE:

As with all of our pupils, the learning needs of pupils with SEND are carefully considered when planning, delivering and assessing PSHE. Our lessons are adapted, where necessary, to allow all pupils to access the learning in meaningful ways. This is achieved through a range of strategies such as differentiated resources, visual prompts, adult support etc. Opportunities are actively sought out to help all pupils prepare for adulthood through PSHE. These opportunities are, at times, especially important for pupils with SEND.

## Monitoring, evaluation and assessment:

The PSHE Lead is responsible for monitoring the effective provision of the PSHE and RSE curriculum. This will be achieved through a combination of learning walks, book sampling, pupil voice and staff voice. This will be carried out throughout the school year to ensure that the delivery of PSHE is robust. Feedback will be given to relevant parties, including governors, to ensure that high standards are maintained.

## Formative assessment:

Every lesson begins with the 'Recap and recall' section which allows pupils retrieval practice of key knowledge relevant to the upcoming lesson. This section also allows teachers to make informal judgements on whether pupils have retained prior learning and are ready to move on. All lessons contain an 'Assessing progress and understanding' section which helps teachers to identify those pupils who are secure in their learning or working at a greater depth.

## Summative assessment:

Each unit includes a Knowledge catcher that can be used at the start of the unit and revisited at the end to check pupils' progress over time. This allows pupils to show what they already know before learning begins and to demonstrate how their knowledge and understanding have developed by the end of the unit.

RSE & PSHE is distinct from many other subjects in that pupils start with different levels of prior knowledge and life experience. Accordingly, assessment is primarily ipsative: focusing on where each pupil is starting from and the progress they make over a period of learning, rather than comparison with others.

## Responsibilities:

Our Head and Deputy Headteacher are responsible for overseeing the delivery of a robust, broad and balanced curriculum, including PSHE/RSE, at Coppull Primary School and Nursery.

PSHE lead: Lindsey Stewart is responsible for leading and monitoring PSHE/RSE provision, including policy and curriculum development. Reports will be made to governors upon request to provide an overview of PSHE.

Class teachers are responsible for the delivering the PSHE/RSE curriculum and provision as outlined in the progression document and in adherence with this policy. Teachers are also responsible for promoting the PSHE/RSE curriculum, school core values and termly values throughout the school environment.

Support staff are responsible for supporting the delivery of PSHE and upholding the principles of maintaining a safe learning environment.

Wellbeing Team: will support the wider development of key pupils, where an additional need has been identified.

Governors: will approve the policy and review the delivery of PSHE/RSE at Coppull Primary School and Nursery, along with all other subjects, alongside senior leaders and subject leaders.

External visitors: are responsible for ensuring that they are familiar with this policy, adhere to the sessions and content that has been pre-approved and are aware of the safeguarding procedures.

### Policy Development and Review:

Date of policy: May 2026

Members of staff responsible for PSHE Education: Lindsey Stewart

Head Teacher: Michael Chambers

PSHE Governor: Beccy Wetton

Review date: May 2027


### How this policy was developed:

This policy was written by Lindsey Stewart, PSHE Subject Leader, based on 2025 Guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) 2025 which becomes statutory in September 2026.

The policy has been developed in consultation with parents, pupils, teachers, other school staff and governors at Coppull Primary School and Nursery. We have listened and responded to all views to help strengthen the policy, ensuring that it meets the needs of all of our pupils.

This policy has been made accessible to parents, school staff and governors through the school website. Anyone wanting a printed copy or the policy to be provided in another language format, should make a request to the school office. Should further information about PSHE education be required, please contact the PSHE education lead, Lindsey Stewart.

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Appendices:

Statutory guidance references:

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Links to resources will be added when available.

