



St Aloysius College

Sex & Relationships Education Policy

This Sex & Relationships Education Policy was evolved by consideration between staff and governors and was approved in June 2017.....

This policy will be reviewed in June 2018.....

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Preamble

In 1988 Pope John Paul II stressed how daily life and faith cannot be separated. He wrote, "Every area of our lives, as different as they are, enters into the plan of God, who desires that these very areas be the places where the love of Christ is revealed and realised for both the glory of the Father and the service of others." (*Chris-fideles* Laici 58-59)

Every teacher needs to be aware of these guidelines as spiritual education involves all teachers in enabling the pupils in their care to search for meaning in their lives; within the context of their subject discipline part of this process involves the informing of conscience to guide students in the making of moral choices. In this essential part of the curriculum staff must support the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. With the development of courses to meet KS3 and 4 of the National Curriculum and the house development of a cross curricular PSHE programme, it is necessary for the teaching staff to have a clear and common understanding of the school's policy on sex education and for them to know how they are required to exercise their professional responsibilities within their teaching areas.

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The trust deed and instrument of Government of the school transcend all the other legislation and state that the curriculum shall be delivered in accordance with the rites, practices and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. (See Diocese of Westminster Guidance on Education for Personal Relationships — Dec 2006) Accordingly sex education at St .Aloysius' College is to be delivered as follows:

The RE Department

The RE department takes the largest responsibility in teaching an appreciation of the nature of sexuality and an understanding of the moral responsibilities placed on Roman Catholics by the Church in accordance with the current approved syllabus issued by the Diocese of Westminster. In delivering this syllabus the RE staff will ensure the following:

1. Only the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church is taught.
1. An awareness is created in the importance of personal and family relationships.
3. The subject is approached in a sensitive way.
4. Pupils are encouraged to respect the views and opinions of others.

The Science Department

The Science Department, bound by the National Curriculum and syllabus of the examination board, have the responsibility for teaching factual knowledge. Where questions of morality are raised in the classroom the science teacher is expected to express only the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and where necessary to refer such questions to the RE Department.

Cross-curricular co-ordination

The heads of Science and RE should meet each year to co-ordinate the teaching of the sex education for the following reasons:

1. Appropriate guidance can be given to the science department as to aspects of Catholic moral teaching and RE resources available.
2. Appropriate guidance is given to RE teachers on the modern scientific teaching and the science resources available.
3. Both departments can co-ordinate the teaching of sex education in their timetables.

The chaplains and all the RE teachers are available for consultation. Included with this document are some notes taken from the Catechism of the Catholic Church for help or clarification of Roman Catholic teaching.