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Relationships and sex education



Article 13: Every child must be free to say what they think and seek and receive information

'Our ground rules!'

In order to have a meaningful learning environment in which to operate, it is vital that all pupils should understand '**our ground rules**' particularly for this particular topic. As with everything at St. Osmund's, **respect** towards ourselves and others is expected in all we do and all we say. Further to this, when working in RSE lessons all pupils need to understand these key points:

- Relationships and sex education is a very important, if not the most important, section of work in a child's schooling.
- RSE has to be taught by law in all schools in Britain.
- Pupils are encouraged to watch, listen and explore topics in a safe, caring and sensible environment.
- Everyone is encouraged to be 'open' and honest when speaking about aspects this subject.
- Everyone has the right to talk and ask questions without ridicule, embarrassment or pressure.
- Sex is not a 'dirty' word or topic, nor should it be something we are afraid to talk about.
- The member of staff leading any lesson has the right to not answer any question or topic they feel is inappropriate in a class situation. This may then be dealt with in a one-to-one situation at an appropriate time.