



College Town Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

CONSULTATION ON:

Sex Education at College Town Primary School from Sept 2026

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER BY MARCH 20TH 2026

From September 1st 2026, primary schools in England are required to implement updated statutory guidance for **Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)**.

This updated framework replaces the 2019 guidance with a stronger emphasis on online safety, mental health, and personal safety. These updates address significant shifts in the digital landscape, including risks such as online misogyny, AI-generated content, deepfakes and exposure to harmful material. The new guidance aims to provide schools with the tools to teach essential topics — such as consent, mental health and personal safety — more effectively and with greater clarity.

As a school we will be using the primary spiral curriculum from Kapow. This will ensure that our school fulfils its statutory requirements for Relationships and Health Education as set out by the Department for Education. The scheme also fulfils the National Curriculum requirement to teach personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE).

Our next decision, following this consultation, is to decide whether we continue to cover the additional (non-statutory) content on sex education. The school's previous consultation in 2019 resulted in our curriculum delivering sex education beyond the aspects taught through the statutory science curriculum.

These additional topics include — puberty, conception, and pregnancy and birth — and has been taught to children in Year 5 during the Summer Term since 2019. Using the updated materials from Kapow these additional non-statutory topics would be moved into Year 6 in the summer term prior to them starting secondary school.

Please note – should the school continue to teach the non-statutory aspects of sex education following this consultation all parents have the right to withdraw their child should they wish to do so. However, over recent years very few parents have chosen to exercise this right as they have been able to view and talk about the resources that the pupils will be exposed to prior to their child having these lessons. These additional

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information sessions would continue to ensure that all parents had a complete understanding of the coverage.

The national curriculum for **science** also includes subject content in related areas, such as the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age and reproduction in some plants and animals. These aspects of the curriculum remain statutory, and therefore all pupils will be taught these facts.

We are now seeking to consult with our parents to ensure that our offer is in line with your parental preference. Please be aware that the science curriculum is compulsory with puberty and reproduction being covered. Your child cannot be removed from this aspect.

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Please indicate your preference below:

- My preference is for pupils to receive non statutory sex education in Year 6. Parents and carers will have access to all teaching materials prior to the topic being delivered.
- I do not want the school to teach non-statutory aspects of sex education beyond the statutory science curriculum.

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN 20TH MARCH TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER OR THE OFFICE



Mrs Trudi Sammons
Headteacher

