

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH, & ECONOMIC (PSHE) EDUCATION POLICY

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) education programme taught at North London Collegiate School (the School) is designed to support the School's aims and develop knowledge and understanding within the students themselves, as well as the world they are living in.
- 1.2 The programme is taught through dedicated lessons, supporting activities in form times, assemblies, and external speakers. There is also the important link with home, as the task of educating the students is shared, therefore parents are invited to listen to speakers and seminars on relevant topics. The School also works with Dr Kathy Weston and is a "Tooled Up School". This provides many helpful resources and talks for parents on a variety of topics.
- 1.3 The policy and PSHE programme have been produced through consultation with the Department for Education (DfE) and PSHE Association guidelines. Students have also been involved in the creation of the programme through discussions and feedback.
- 1.4 The policy must be read in conjunction with the following which are available on the School <u>website</u>:
 - Anti-bullying Strategy
 - Digital Safety Policy for Pupils
 - PSHE Handbook (internal document)
 - Relationships and Sex Education Policy
 - Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy
 - Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs Policy (internal document)
 - Visiting Speakers Policy (internal document)
 - Wellbeing Policy
- 1.5 This policy applies to the whole School from Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) to sixth form.
- 1.6 This policy is available on the School website.
- 1.7 Copies of the above are held at the Senior School Office for consultation by parents. You may also email the School at Office@nlcs.org.uk to request hard copies which can be made available in large print or other accessible format if required.

2. Aims and objectives

- 2.1 The aims of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme at the School is underpinned by the School's values to enable each individual to make the most of their abilities, realise what is attainable, feel valued, embrace new challenges, respond to setbacks and look outwardly into society to enable students to lead responsible, healthy, and assertive lives.
- Fulfil our obligations to deliver Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)
- Students will have a clear understanding of appropriate relationships and the laws surrounding these.
- Students will cover age-appropriate topics on Relationships and Sex Education to aid the individual to work out a personal morality and value system, respecting cultural, religious and family background.
- Students will understand the importance of inclusivity and respect for diversity in today's modern society, through an understanding of, but not limited to, the protected characteristics, such as disabilities, religious beliefs, sexual orientations, and age.
- Students will develop an age-appropriate understanding of physical, mental, sexual, and emotional health and the ways to recognise when adjustments and improvements are needed and how.
- Students will develop confidence in their ability to achieve their aspirations and self-awareness to make informed choices about future life decisions.
- Students will develop the skills and knowledge to have respect for others and to equip them with the ability to deal with a range of spiritual, moral, cultural and political issues, through articulating themselves sensitively and thoughtfully, their feelings clearly and listening well, along with the ability to empathise and sympathise with the views of others.
- The programme will promote student engagement with the fundamental British values; and as part of this to encourage students to have respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process, including respect for the basis in which the law is made and applied in England.
- The programme aims to allow the individual to make decisions from knowledge, using critical thinking. It also aims to inform the individual about where to get further help and advice if required.
- 2.2 The 2021 OFSTED review of sexual abuse in schools and colleges recommended that schools focus on several issues in light of disclosures on the website "Everyone's Invited" about sexual harassment and sexual violence involving schools and universities. Continued revisions are being made / have been made to the PSHE programme to discuss healthy relationships, sexual harassment and sexual violence, consent, child on child abuse and explicit images.

3. Statutory and regulatory framework

- 3.1 This policy complies with and / or has regard to the following:
- Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2023)

- PSHE education Guidance (September 2021)
- Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education
- Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice (January 2015)
- Equality Act 2010
- Physical health and mental wellbeing (Primary and secondary) (September 2021)

4. Scope and responsibilities

- 4.1 This policy covers the planning and teaching of PSHE across the School.
- 4.2 The PSHE programme is led by the Head of PSHE in the Senior School and PSHE Subject Leader in the Junior School who work in conjunction to ensure there is a spiral programme throughout the School. A spiral programme ensures that topics gradually increase in content and depth to match the growing needs and understanding of students.

5. Creating a safe and supportive learning environment

- 5.1 The School is committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment where PSHE is taught. Lessons are introduced and structured to ensure that respectful listening occurs. This is set up at the start of each term and topic, and reiterated when required.
- 5.2 A strong rapport is built with the teacher through a positive classroom atmosphere of mutual respect and where no question or comment is dismissed or disregarded, which allows for open discussions and sharing of knowledge without judgement.
- 5.3 We expect our students to consider others' needs by respectfully listening and abiding by the ground rules which are established at the start of each year and revisited as required.

5.4 <u>Confidentiality and handling disclosures</u>

- 5.4.1 The nature and content of lessons at times means students may share information. Where possible this information should be treated sensitively. If a student makes a disclosure the teacher should never promise confidentiality and the usual child protection procedures must be followed in line with the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy.
- 5.4.2 Telephone numbers or websites of relevant supporting agencies and organisations are displayed in lessons where appropriate.

- 5.4.3 Students are regularly reminded about who to contact if they would like to talk, for example: the School Nurse and Healthcare Professional in the Medical Centre, School Counsellors, Heads of Section, Form Tutors and Heads of Year and Junior School Deputy Heads.
- 5.4.4 Students should feel able to ask any question they wish and that their questions are valued. However, consideration is given to responses to ensure they are appropriate to prior learning and readiness of students.
- 5.4.5 Teachers can ask a student to wait for an answer to a question if they need time to consult with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or another member of staff.

6. Equal opportunities within the PSHE programme

- 6.1 The School is proud of its heritage of supporting, embracing and celebrating all members of the School community. The School promotes the needs and interests of all students, irrespective of age, sexual orientation, race, religion or beliefs and disability.
- 6.2 The School ensures that students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) requirements are known to PSHE teachers and ensure these are taken into consideration in the delivery of lessons.
- 6.3 The Head of PSHE and the PSHE Subject Leader ensure the PSHE programme is continually updated and relevant to the current needs of students. This is done through feedback and discussions with pupils, PSHE Association recommendations, guidance from the Department of Education and keeping up to date with current news.
- 6.4 The School is aware that some students may be more vulnerable than others in different lessons, for example, due to the death or serious illness of a close relative, mental health issues etc. PSHE staff and Junior School form teachers are informed in these instances by Pastoral Staff / Head of PSHE / Subject Lead and approaches to learning will be adapted for those students where needed. For example, having the option to leave a lesson and take time out in the Medical Centre.
- In the Senior School students are advised of the overview of the programme of study and updated on a half termly basis. Students will also be notified if there are any potentially challenging topics, so that students can identify and speak with the teacher if they have any concerns. In the Junior School, the termly curriculum newsletters inform parents of the topics to be covered.
- Respect for fundamental British values and protected characteristics are central to the design of the PSHE and RSE programmes.

7. Intended outcomes

- 7.1 As a result of the PSHE programme, students will both now and in their future lives:
- Understand the importance of inclusivity and respect for diversity
- Be able to use their critical thinking to make informed life choices
- Be aware of their bodies and their rights
- Know and understand the need for healthy eating and exercise
- Understand the range of feelings and emotions they may encounter
- Be able to recognise when and how to ask for help when needed
- Be confident in themselves and strive to reach their aspirations
- Develop skills to deal with a range of different situations sympathetically and sensitively
- Understand the importance of listening to others
- Understand how they play a part of society and how their conduct affects others
- Be aware of dangers
- Know how to stay safe both in person (self-defence) and online.
- Have the knowledge to make informed choices about how they live
- Develop live skills to enable them to continue to develop and grow
- Learn about fundamental British values

8. Teaching and learning

- 8.1 <u>Principles and methodology</u> PSHE lessons do not promote any politically partisan views or ideological standpoints.
- 8.1.1 The School is aware that all students will come into lessons with differing prior knowledge and experiences. Students are encouraged to share their understanding of different topics discussed to aid the learning of others and build confidence in participation.
- 8.1.2 Knowledge and understanding are ensured and built on through a spiral curriculum from Early Years to Sixth form.
- 8.1.3 Where possible, any new topics are started by determining students' prior knowledge.
- 8.1.4 The PSHE programme will be taught through a range of teaching methods, including role play, discussion, debate, circle time, power points, videos and photographs etc.
- 8.1.5 The School will help students make connections between their learning and 'real life' behaviours by using relatable examples and linking to other parts of the School curriculum.

- 8.2 Planning and timetabling
- 8.2.1 PSHE lessons take place weekly within the School timetable from Reception to Year 10.
- 8.2.2 Years 11, 12 and 13 complete a unit of time within the academic year, delivered in a rotation block as well as discretely through Form Time, Layer Assemblies, Senior Societies and Afternoon Activities Options. The provision is further enriched upon where required in form times, assemblies and with external speakers.
- 8.2.3 Wherever possible links are made to other curriculum areas to support and supplement the work done in other subjects and to avoid PSHE being viewed in isolation.
- 8.2.4 The PSHE programme is taught through three main strands:
- Health and Wellbeing
- Relationships
- Living in the Wider World
- 8.2.5 Lessons are sensitive to a range of views, but the School ensures that students always have access to the learning they need to stay safe, healthy and protect and enforce their human rights.
- 8.2.6 Lessons and themes are constantly adapted to reflect the needs of the students at any time.
- 8.3 <u>Assessment</u>
- 8.3.1 The School assesses students' learning and progression through a variety of different methods, appropriate to the material being taught and the age of the students.
- 8.3.2 Assessment styles include:
- Reflective writing
- Discussions
- Presentations of topics
- Individual input into activities
- Q&A sessions
- End of topic quizzes
- Two-tone mind maps
- Worksheets
- Self-evaluation

- 8.3.3 These various methods of assessing students' engagement with PSHE provide vital feedback to the School on their progress, giving a basis to provide individual support where necessary.
- 8.3.4 Each pupil's progress will be assessed with regard to the School's principles for progression in PSHE employing the I Can Statements. In the Senior School teachers complete a central record assessing participation and engagement. In the Junior School, teachers assess using a variety of resources including those from the SCARF (Coram Life Education) Scheme.

8.4 <u>Staff training and delivery</u>

- 8.4.1 Training is provided to all PSHE teachers and is coordinated by the Head of PSHE and the PSHE Subject Leader. This is a combination of internal training and sharing of best practice as well as external courses where appropriate. Staff also have access to Dr Kathy Weston "Tooled Up" resources and sessions are co-ordinated for students, parents and staff. In addition, all PSHE leads have access to PSHE association.
- 8.4.2 New teachers are provided with all-round training to enhance their skills within the PSHE classroom. More experienced teachers are provided with bespoke training to develop their skills further.
- 8.4.3 Extensive teacher guidance is included in the PSHE Senior School Handbook, Junior School Scheme of Work PSHE Team and throughout lesson material to ensure it is delivered in a safe and consistent manner. Teachers receive appropriate assistance with lessons.
- 8.4.4 PSHE is taught by the classroom teacher from Reception to Year 6.
- 8.4.5 In the Middle, Upper School and Sixth form PSHE lessons are taught by a core group of teachers, inclusive of experienced PSHE teachers, Heads of Year, Heads of Section, Assistant Heads, Deputy Head Pastoral and those Form Tutors who exhibit a passion for PSHE.
- 8.4.6 PSHE teaching will be supported by consultation of the teachers, subject leads, the Assistant Heads and Deputy Head (Pastoral) to ensure the programme is relevant to students and reinforcement is timely.
- 8.4.7 The Head of PSHE will liaise from time to time with the Science, History, PE, Philosophy and RS department with respect to delivering information and linking the two subject areas together.

8.5 External speakers

- 8.5.1 The School uses external speakers to reinforce and build on topics covered in School to give greater understanding of the subject matter.
- 8.5.2 When using external speakers to deliver aspects of the PSHE programme the School will comply with the School's Visiting Speakers policy and procedure to ensure the requisite due diligence has been conducted and that the content of the talk is appropriate. The learning objectives and outcomes will be agreed with the external speaker in advance of the talk. The School does not work with PSHE providers unless they are willing, at the school's request, to share teaching materials in advance.

9. Involving parents

- 9.1 The School recognises and values the need to work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure students develop knowledge and understanding of themselves, as well as the world they are living in. In order to fulfil this aim the School is committed to working with parents and carers.
- 9.2 Information about PSHE topics is emailed to parents at the start of the academic year along with examples of resources used to support student development. Parents are provided with an opportunity to ask questions or feedback. Parents are consulted about the RSE Policy and curriculum.
- 9.3 Workshops and seminars are available throughout the year for parents to back up student learning. Parents are invited to a 'Parent and Daughter' talk about puberty in the Junior School. The School is also affiliated with "Tooled Up Education" a resource that aids teachers and parents.

10. Right to withdraw

- 10.1 The School recognises that parents have the final decision about their child's sex education. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE, up to three terms before their child turns sixteen, in line with government guidance.
- 10.2 The right to withdraw relates only to sex education and does not extend to the teaching of biological aspects of human growth and reproduction as provided as part of the science curriculum (whether part of GCSE Biology or included as part of the curriculum for younger pupils).
- 10.3 If parents wish to exercise their right to withdraw their child from sex education they must contact the Head in writing at the School address, or via email at: head@nlcs.org.uk in the Senior School or to The Head of the Junior School. The Head or Deputy Head will discuss the request with the parents and, as

appropriate, with the child to ensure their wishes are understood and to clarify the nature and purpose of the curriculum. During this discussion the Head or their Deputy will explain the benefits of receiving sex education and any detrimental effects that withdrawal may have on the child.

- 10.4 Once those discussions have taken place, except in exceptional circumstances, the School will respect the parents' or carers' request to withdraw their child, up to and until three terms before the child turns sixteen. After that point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the School will make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.
- 10.5 The process is same for pupils with SEND. There may be exceptional circumstances where the Head may wish to take a pupil's specific needs arising from their SEND into account when making the decision.
- 10.6 The Head will automatically grant requests to withdraw a pupil from any sex education delivered in the Junior School, other than as part of the science curriculum.
- 10.7 Where pupils are withdrawn from sex education, alternative arrangements will usually be made for private study in the library.
- 10.8 Parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from relationships education.

11. Monitoring and review

- 11.1 The Head and Senior Team will regularly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy.
- 11.2 This policy will be subject to review at least annually (or more frequently if changes to legislation, regulation or statutory guidance so require) by the Deputy Head Pastoral, Head of PSHE and the Head of Junior School and PSHE Subject Leader in Junior School.
- 11.3 This policy will be subject to review at least annually (or more frequently if changes to legislation, regulation or statutory guidance so require) by the relevant committee of the Governing Body.
- 11.4 The date of the next review is shown on the front page.

Appendix A: Whole School PSHE Curriculum Map

Colour codes:

Relationships and Sex Education lessons = Purple

Diversity lessons = Red

	Health and Wellbeing	Relationships	Living in the wider world
Reception	Physical Health/Mental Wellbeing	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Healthy eating, exercise and sleep	Why I am special	Caring for our world Rules to keep us safe
		Likes and dislikes	
	Growing and Changing	My family	Media Literacy and digital resilience
	Life stages – plants, animals, humans	Me and my special people	Keeping safe online
	Me and my body	Same and different families	
			Money and Work
	Keeping Safe	Safe Relationships	Looking after money
	Keeping myself safe	Who can help me?	
		Respecting ourselves and others	
		Valuing Differences My feelings	

Year 1	Physical Health/Mental Wellbeing	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Keeping Healthy	Our special people	Belonging to a group
	Healthy Diet	Same or different	The environment
	Personal Hygiene		
	Exercise	Safe Relationships	Media Literacy and digital resilience
		Classroom rules	Sharing pictures
	Growing and Changing	Hurt feelings	
	Our Feelings		Money and Work
	Being our best	Respecting ourselves and others	Looking after money
		Good friends	
	Keeping Safe	Keeping privates private	
	Basic First Aid	Secrets and surprises	
Year 2	Physical Health/Mental Wellbeing	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Healthy choices	Feelings and emotions (being happy, my	Safety in the home/ getting help in an
	Different feelings	special people, being a good friend, how	emergency
	Managing Feelings	we make others feel)	Stranger Danger
			Group and class rules
	Growing and Changing	Safe Relationships	People who work in the community
	Birth, Care and Growth (RS)	Bullying or teasing	
	Moving up, new beginnings / setting		Media Literacy and digital resilience
	goals	Respecting ourselves and others	Internet safety – Safe photos
	Endings	Constructive feedback	
	Naming body parts	Respecting Similarities and differences	Money and Work
			Money – including saving and spending
	Keeping Safe		Choices about spending and keeping money
	Keeping yourself and others safe		safe
	Privacy/Consent		

Year 3	Physical Health/	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Mental Wellbeing	What makes a good friend?	Class rules
	Healthy eating	Healthy relationships	Belonging to a community
	Inside my body		Caring for our environment
	Help or harm	Safe Relationships	
	Managing feelings	Secret or surprise	Media Literacy and digital resilience
		Safe or unsafe	Safety and consent
	Growing and Changing		
	My changing body	Respecting ourselves and others	Money and Work
	Celebrating differences	Collaboration, respect, and challenge	Enterprise
		Conflict resolution	
	Keeping Safe		
	Danger or risk		
	Basic first aid		
Year 4	Physical Health/	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Mental Wellbeing	Positive relationships (ok or not ok)	My school community
	Keeping ourselves healthy	Friend or acquaintance	Making a difference
			Volunteering
	Growing and Changing	Safe Relationships	
	Feelings associated with change	Under Pressure (teasing or bullying)	Media Literacy and digital resilience
	Understanding our feelings	Secrets or surprise	Challenging stereotypes
	Introduction to puberty		Media Influence
		Respecting ourselves and others	
	Keeping Safe	What makes me ME!	Money and Work
	Road safety	Solving problems	Rights and responsibilities
	Online Safety	Makes choices	Decisions about money

	Medicines and staying healthy		
Year 5	Physical Health/	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Mental Wellbeing	Managing complex feelings (qualities of	Belonging to a community
	Getting fit	friendship)	Rights and responsibilities
	Thinking about habits		Democracy – local and natural
	Smoking, drugs and alcohol	Safe Relationships	
		Independence and responsibility	Media Literacy and digital resilience
	Growing and Changing	Building resilience	Media influence
	Puberty		
	Sanitary protection	Respecting ourselves and others	Money and Work
	Making Babies	Prejudice	Challenging gender stereotypes
	Changing bodies and feelings	Respecting others	
	Keeping Safe		
	Decision dilemmas		
	Emotional needs		
	Basic First Aid		
Year 6	Physical Health/	Families and friendships	Belonging to a community
	Mental Wellbeing	Friend or acquaintance	Challenging gender stereotypes
	5 ways to wellbeing	Don't force me	Tolerance and respect
	Transition and resilience		
	Healthy eating and body image	Safe Relationships	Media Literacy and digital resilience Media
		Appropriate touch (and legality)	Manipulation
	Growing and Changing	Right to Privacy	
	Puberty recap	Positive healthy friendships	Money and Work
	Basic consent	Discrimination and Human rights	Money and work
	Asking for help		Jobs and Taxes

Year 7	Keeping Safe Drugs and Alcohol Online pressure Settling in Transition to senior school Organisation and Resilience Personal safety during travel Health and growth Body changes Hygiene during puberty Nutrition and Hydration Emotional changes Recognising self - harm	Respecting ourselves and others Respecting differences Diversity Benefits of diversity Family differences Friendship Anti-bullying Behaviour on social media Building friendships Self-worth Self-esteem Cyberbullying Relationship boundaries	Economic choices Enterprise Financial awareness Saving Budgeting Financial choices Aspirations Skills Reflection and planning. Group work
Year 8	Emotional wellbeing Positive thinking Resilience Recognising anxiety Mindfulness Puberty Body changes	Discrimination Kindness Privilege Discrimination Disabilities Relationships with peers Types of relationships	Digital awareness Data recap Dark web Grooming What sexting is Media portrayal of bodies Choices

	Hormones and their effects Periods – regular and irregular Eating patterns	Peer pressure Consent Breakdown of relationships Personal safety	Effects and reason people use: Vaping Smoking Alcohol Drugs
Year 9	Healthy lifestyle	Respectful relationships	Setting goals
	Whole body wellbeing	You	Recognising strengths
	Brain memory	Healthy relationships	Dealing with failure
	Muscle memory	Types of relationships	Ways to learn
	Heart rate	Communication	Future careers
	Training to aid health	Consent	
	Anxious vs anxiety		Challenging self
		Intimate Relationships	Adventure Week:
	Awareness of effects	More than friends	Aims and fears
	Effects of alcohol on the teenage	Consent	The week itself
	brain	Communication	Evaluation of skills learnt
	Different alcohol units	The laws	Successes
	First aid and action for vomit	Safe sex	
	Personal data and cookies	Contraception	
		STIs	
Year 10	Balancing life	Yourself	This Country
	Juggling commitments	Mental health	British values
	Importance of extracurricular	Stress	Parliament
	activities	OCD	The Economy
	Personal values	Psychosis	Careers and stereotypes

	Legal and long-term effects of drug use Sleep General health The NHS and how to use it Basic CPR First aid progression Grief Basic self-defence	Disordered Eating Comfortable in our bodies Healthy relationships Effects of the media Consent Pornography Sexting Indecent images	Awareness Current affairs discussions Current conflict Refugee stories Genocide
Year 11	Fads and trends Caffeine Protein shakes Diets Training methods Mental health Recap on last year Q and A	Sexual relationships Being comfortable Controlling strong feelings Same sex safety Sexual assault Unbalanced relationships How to handle issues Controlling partners Parents	Digital footprint How it affects your future. What it says about you CV Self defence External course on how to defend yourself safely
Year 12	Health and wellbeing Self-care Self-esteem and self-concept Nutrition NHS - how to use it Mechanisms of support	Relationship issues Toxic relationships Rape - the legality Sexual assault - where to get help Online intimacy Consent	Using your strengths Inner confidence What you want to be Diversity Life choices - university and jobs

	Hormones and their impact on mind and body DNA screening Smear Test	Abortion Healthy relationships	Driving Insurance - cost and types Pros and cons of learning to drive Cost of cars Finance options Ethical banking
Year 13	Healthy balance Keeping healthy habits Eating well Time to self Realistic balances DNA screening First aid Action for vomit Recap use of recovery position Overdose	Ending relationships How to prepare for change / moving on Abortion Healthy relationships Bereavement Death Phases of grief	Choices UCAS Budgeting for university Perfectionism Stress levels Decision making Pressure Challenging stereotypes