

# BEECHWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

## SEX EDUCATION POLICY

### **Aims**

In accordance with the 1993 Education Act and recent guidance from DfEE, the staff and governors of Beechwood Junior School continue to be committed to the teaching of Sex Education as part of our PSHE studies.

We aim to ensure that sex education forms part of a planned programme of PSHE in order to prepare our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life. We will do this by promoting the attitudes and values of Beechwood Junior School.

We will endeavour to develop children emotionally through the promotion of a positive self image.

### **Implementation**

The PSHE programme will extend to all year groups and will be covered within the Science, RE and PSHE curriculum. In addition to these areas Sex Education will take place as follows:

Year 3	Life cycle of Animals Dependence and independence - young animals
Year 4	Birth and Development 0-9 years
Year 5	Menstruation Feelings and Hormone changes
Year 6	Puberty Personal Hygiene

Boys and girls will be taught together but opportunities will be made for single sex sessions/discussions where appropriate.

Teaching will be by Beechwood Junior teachers or by appointed adults in the presence of the teachers. All work undertaken will have previously been discussed and approved by Beechwood Junior teachers.

Responses to questions raised about matters outside the programme will be left to the discretion of the teachers who will take into account levels of maturity and general levels of understanding within the cohort. If in doubt questions will be referred to home.

### **Parents**

All parents of Year 5 and 6 children will be informed by letter before each stage of the programme is to be covered and a synopsis of the content of the topic will be given. The parents will always have the opportunity to discuss any concerns and ultimately have the right to withdraw their child should they so decide. This decision must be given in writing. A statement will be placed in the Parents Handbook informing them of this procedure.

### **Monitoring**

The effectiveness of this policy will be evaluated by internal and external inspection data. Quality of teaching and child questionnaires will also aid the monitoring process. The policy will be monitored and evaluated by the PSHE Co-ordinator.

**Review Date - October, 2007**