## School Leaders' Briefing - Entry From

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## Church of England's new Charter and Principles for RSHE

The Church of England has published a set of resources to support schools implementing statutory RSHE.

It is very positive to note the inclusion of the following principle about medically accurate information and the importance of distinguishing fact from opinion.....

8. That RSHE will be based on honest and medically accurate information from reliable sources of information, including about the law and legal rights. It will distinguish between different types of knowledge and opinions so that pupils can learn about their bodies and sexual and reproductive health as appropriate to their age and maturity.

To assist with distinguishing "fact from opinion" contact Lauren Chalkey, Brook, Education & Wellbeing Co-ordinator on 07760161237 8am-4pm.

Laura has been commissioned via Public Health to assist schools preparing and implementing the new RHSE guidance in September 2020.

https://www.churchofengland.org/more/education-and-schools/church-schools-andacademies/relationships-sex-and-health-education

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For Relationships Education, schools will be required to have a policy, published on their website, setting out how they intend to approach the subject.

www.churchofengland.org

Brook Training Flyer attached - no costs attached

## Faith sensitive and inclusive Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education (RSHE)

From September 2020, all primary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education. They will also be required to teach Health Education.

Secondary schools will be required to teach Relationships Education and Sex Education.

The legislation makes it clear that all schools should approach RSHE in a faith sensitive and inclusive way, seeking to explain fairly the tenets and varying interpretations of religious communities on matters of sex and relationships and teach these viewpoints with respect. The Church of England Education Office supports the approach taken by the government, including recommending an age-appropriate provision of sex education at primary level, and is issuing a Charter which we hope schools of all foundations, faiths or otherwise will sign up to as they affirm the broad principles about how RSHE is taught.

The Charter is accompanied by guidance, given to help dioceses and schools as they develop policy in this area. Based in the principles established by the Church of England's Pastoral Advisory Group which has set out some principles for living well together with difference and diversity and in Valuing All God's Children, we have developed the following documents:

- Relationships and Sex Education Principles and Charter
- Suggested format for parents' meetings with associated resources
- Suggested policy template

## Preparing for Statutory RSHE Training-delivered by Brook in schools (90 minutes) includes:

1.How To Be Inclusive

2.Sex and the Law – Pornography and Sexting

3.Consent

4.Sexual Heath in a Nutshell

5.Going to a Sexual Health Clinic – Confidentiality and Fraser Guidelines

6.Soft Skills in Teaching Relationships and Sex Education

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