



## We don't do this for other subjects. Why RSE?

- **Confidence**

Staff, governors and parents need to feel comfortable talking about any issues that come up, and the context in which we are discussing them

- **Mutual Respect**

We need to listen to and respect the views of our parents and carers in the same way as we respect the views of their children in our classrooms and demonstrate how we encourage our pupils to do the same.

- **Shared Responsibility**

Children learn about Relationships and other topics in PSHE at home. We need to build in opportunities throughout the academic year for parents to be informed about the topics we cover in class – consultation can help us find out the best ways to do this. Parents can then prepare their child when they feel they need to and support them with any further questions beyond the lesson itself.

- **Sensitive Subjects**

The topics we discuss in RSE – and PSHE – can sometimes be sensitive. Consultation enables us to carefully consider different views and seek consensus.

- **Reassurance**

We need to explain what we are actually teaching in school, and what *we are not* teaching. The myths and misinformation in the media are leading to very real parental fear which we can dispel early BEFORE we teach these topics.