KS2 Relationship and Sex Education

Lesson plans: Year 4

Introduction
These four lessons have been written by PSHE Lead Teachers on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council to support the PSHE education curriculum for Year 4 pupils. These lessons are informed by Brighton & Hove’s Relationship and Sex Education Guidance for Educational Settings (2015) including KS2 Core Messages for Puberty & Relationships and national guidance including that by the PSHE Association and the Sex Education Forum and the Children and Social work Act (2017). Teachers are invited to adapt and develop these lesson plans to meet the needs of their pupils and are invited to share any ideas they have via the PSHE Forum on BEEM. Faith schools should seek advice from their Diocese.

Children and young people are naturally curious about growing up, how their bodies work and human relationships. Their questions need to be answered honestly, using language and explanations appropriate for their age and maturity, thus challenging misconceptions and addressing concerns and worries.

The purpose of RSE is to support children and young people to learn the skills they need to be safe, healthy and happy as they grow up and in their future lives. RSE must always be appropriate to pupils’ age and stage of development and is an essential part of safeguarding. RSE is learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up; healthy relationships, sex, human sexuality and sexual health.

Good practice in RSE should be informed by the principle that everyone has equal worth and everybody has a right to be included and treated with respect. We can introduce and reinforce these values through teaching about gender identity, family diversity, puberty and reproduction, and protective behaviours.

Relationships and sex education is not value free and will provide a curriculum opportunity to promote school values. The other key messages or values to promote could include:

- We have the right to feel safe all of the time
- We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small
- All bodies are different and there is no such thing as a perfect body
- We have the right to say no to touches we don’t like
- Families are all different and grow in different ways, but most are places of love and care
- Babies begin and get born in different ways
- In our friendships and relationships we try and treat each other with kindness and respect
- There are lots of different ways to be a girl, and lots of different ways to be a boy, and some people don’t feel like a boy or a girl
- In grown-up relationships a man and a woman can have a relationship and get married if they want to, so can two men or two women.

It is important to reflect on the language to use when delivering sessions of RSE. Addressing a
class using personalised terms like 'you' can mean pupils receive this information as something they should be engaging in, whether or not that is the intention. Effectively this normalises the behaviour of the topic which is being delivered, or makes assumptions that might not be the case. An example could be ‘when you get a girlfriend or boyfriend’. Whilst this statement rightly accepts that most young people will at some time have a relationship, the fact the statement refers to 'you' is likely to make a pupil think ‘does this mean I am expected to have a relationship now? Adapting this statement to ‘if someone has a boyfriend / girlfriend’ can depersonalise the subsequent discussion and produce a safer environment for exploring the topic.

The use of the word ‘normal’ in PSHE education with a focus on equalities and diversity can be a stereotypical concept and would need to be challenged, for example, ‘girls normally play with dolls’. However in RSE, the use of the phrase ‘normal and healthy’ when talking about aspects of puberty, for example, ‘puberty can start from between age 10-16’, can be very reassuring. It is important, however, to be mindful of inclusive practice and issues of gender identity and sexual orientation and family diversity. Therefore, try to use inclusive language such as all genders rather than boys and girls, grown-ups instead of mums and dads (to ensure all family types feel included when discussion or reference is made to adults at home) and to not assume that all children will grow up to be heterosexual or be cisgender.

All children need to know the correct biological or medical names for the genitalia and reproductive organs. This will include using terms such as: vulva, vagina, clitoris, breasts, penis, testicles and scrotum and anus and nipples. In these lesson plans and in Feeling good, Feeling Safe vulva is used as the first word to learn as this word covers the external genitalia. Understanding this scientific language and having the confidence to use it to describe the personal and private parts of the body and knowing how to seek help is vital for safeguarding. In addition, using the phrase: the personal and private parts of the body, suggests that these body parts are private but not taboo and it is healthy and acceptable to name and talk about these parts.

**Lesson Resources:**
These lessons, the accompanying Power Points and resources are all available to download from BEEM. You will also find further guidance and lesson planning materials on the PSHE Education Service resources pages.

**Assessment** for and of learning opportunities are highlighted in the plans next to a suggested assessment activity and also at the end of each lesson plan.

Several of the lessons include film clips. These can be downloaded and saved for future use using websites such as Keep Vid at [https://keepvid.com/](https://keepvid.com/)

**Safe learning environments:**
As with all PSHE lessons it is very important to reflect on procedures and practices to establish a safe learning environment for pupils and staff. It is suggested that these lessons are delivered by a trained class teacher.

**a. Before the lesson:**
Schools have a statutory duty to inform parents and carers of their right to withdraw their
child from relationships and sex education. Many schools inform parents and carers of their right to withdraw as part of the induction process into their school.

It would also be best practice to inform all parents and carers before teaching units of relationships and sex education so that firstly they can inform the school of any issues it could raise in their children and secondly so they can be ready to discuss issues or answer questions at home that may arise. Information about teaching and learning about RSE could be shared in meetings for parents and carers with the PSHE Co-ordinator as well as the usual curriculum information and year group specific letters informing them of what will be covered in the lessons and when they will be taught. Extra care should be taken, perhaps in partnership with EMAS, to ensure families with English as an additional language or faith perspectives understand this aspect of the curriculum and particularly its role in safeguarding children.

Prior to delivery of these lessons, reflect on the needs and experiences of children in your class for whom the content of the lesson may be a trigger for difficult or emotional feelings. For example this could include children who:

- Are looked after or have been adopted
- Have experienced family loss or bereavement
- Have experience personally, or within the family, of sexual abuse
- Have witnessed domestic abuse
- Are questioning their gender identity
- Have a special education need or disability such that their developmental stage might mean the lesson may not be appropriate for them.

Reflect on your own and or colleagues needs and confidence to deliver these lessons and seek support from your Senior Leadership Team if necessary. This may be a lesson where co-teaching with another colleague may be appropriate. Inform support staff about the use of language, this could include for example: use of scientific terms for personal and private parts of the body and use of the term ‘grown up’. In addition, explain ground rules for keeping everyone safe in the lesson particularly about sharing of personal information both by staff and children. If these sessions bring up issues for staff, then they should be encouraged to speak with someone who could support. If possible, consider teaching this lesson before a break or at the end of the day so that pupils do not have to go straight into another lesson afterwards.

Rehearse answering questions with colleagues and perhaps devise a script for yourselves of possible answers to pupil questions and remember to use a question box to gain time to think about responses. Appendix 6 Relationship and Sex Education Guidance for Educational Settings (2015) provides scripts for answering questions.

b. During the lesson:

Some children may be supported to participate in the lesson by some pre-teaching before the lesson, some may need right to pass arrangements during the lesson and there may be some children for whom the lesson is not appropriate and alternative provision will needed. All arrangements should be discussed with the child, the school team around these more vulnerable children and in close consultation with parent and carers.

Be very clear and explicit about ground rules at the start of each lesson so that everybody
feels safe to join in. For example, guide the class to think carefully about what they share in
the public setting of the classroom and suggest no names are used and instead, say instead 

someone I know; my friend etc. This will reinforce the expectation of respectful behaviour and
reduce unintentional disclosures. It is important for the teacher and any other members of
staff not to offer personal experiences as this can make children feel unsafe and think that
they are expected to do the same. Negotiate use of language, for example: use of scientific
language for personal and private parts of the body so that everybody is clear and feels
comfortable. Reassure the class that when we have relationships and sex education lessons
we are helping them to understand how they can have healthy relationships themselves and
keep others safe and make healthy choices in future.

Example ground rules could include: Listen; Try to join in; Be respectful; Encourage others;
No personal questions; Use scientific language for personal and private parts of the body and
Think about what you share; Adults can’t keep full confidentiality.

Develop rituals, by following a similar process for each lesson, children will feel more familiar
and confident and engage more fully with the content of the lesson.

If you are unsure as to how to answer a question that arises in a lesson or how much to say,
use holding phrases such as ‘That is a very important question and I am going to think about
it some more and answer it next lesson’ can be very helpful. This will give opportunities to
discuss appropriate answers with colleagues and /or contact the PSHE Team for advice.
Providing opportunities to ask questions through ask – it baskets or thought walls will also give
time to reflect on appropriate ways to answer children’s questions.

It is your responsibility to maintain a positive learning environment. Prejudice or stereotypes
that go unchallenged will alienate individuals or groups affected and will reinforce the
prejudiced view. See section 9.6 and appendix 7 of the Brighton & Hove Relationship and Sex
Education Guidance for Educational Settings (2015)

Signpost pupils to key members of staff within school who they may wish to talk to about any
issues raised during the lesson. Remind the group of where they can go to get help and
signpost children to local and national organisations that they could contact for help and
support.

Use the learning outcomes of the lesson to keep the lesson focused and on track and assess
learning throughout and at the end of the lesson.

c. After the lesson:
Check in with indentified children to see if they are ok. Feedback to parents, carers, SENC0,
safeguarding lead as appropriate.
Reflect on responses to questions raised with supportive colleagues. Evaluate the lesson and
use this to improve the programme.

d. Further support
Further materials to support relationships and sex education lessons can be found on BEEM.
For training for teaching in the delivery of effective relationships and sex education please
contact the PSHE team: pshe@brighton-hove.gov.uk.
Learning Objectives:
From the Brighton and Hove Programme of Study for PSHE:
Children should have the opportunity in Key Stage 2 to learn:

**H2.1** what positively and negatively affects their physical, mental and emotional health (including the media)

**H2.10** to recognise their increasing independence brings increased responsibility to keep themselves and others safe

**H2.12** That pressure to behave in an unacceptable, unhealthy or risky way can come from a variety of sources, including people they know and the media

**H2.17** How their body will change as they approach and move through puberty

**H2.18** about human reproduction including conception (and that this can be prevented)

**H2.19** recognise how images in the media do not always reflect reality and can affect how people feel about themselves

**H2.22** To recognise when and how and who to ask for help (including outside organisations)

**H2.6** to recognise that they may experience conflicting emotions and when they might need to listen to their emotions or overcome them

**R2.14** to develop the skills to recognise and challenge inequality, prejudice, stereotyping and injustice including bullying, racism, sexism, disablism, homophobia, biphobia and transphobia

**R2.2** to recognise what constitutes a positive, healthy relationship and that they have a right to be happy and safe

**R2.3** to develop the skills to develop and maintain positive and healthy relationships

**R2.4** to be aware of different types of relationship, including those between friends and families civil partnerships and marriage

Essential PSHE skills:

**Essential skill 1 Identity, Self Awareness, resilience and Managing feelings**
I can identify and suggest ways to cope with my range of feelings as I grow and change
I can identify and manage my feelings of embarrassment

**Essential skill 2 Getting On with others**
I can recognise what constitutes a positive, healthy relationship

I can grow positive and healthy relationships

**Essential skill 3 Managing Risk**
I can name my personal and private body parts

**Essential skill 4 Getting help**
I can tell you where I can get help as I grow and change
I can tell you where I can get help and support online

**Essential skill 5 Media Messages- understanding and challenging /critical thinking**
I can recognise that sometimes how someone looks; how their body grows and changes; who is in their
family and who someone wants to be can be the target for bullying behaviour

I recognise prejudice and discrimination and challenge this safely

**Suggested learning outcomes:**
- I can tell you how human babies begin
- I can tell you some of the different ways that families begin
- I can tell you how my body will grow and change from a child to a grown up
- I can tell you how puberty might affect a young person’s feelings
- I can tell you some of the skills a young person might need as they grow and change
- I can tell you how to keep healthy and safe as I grow and change
### Year 4 Lesson 1

**Suggested learning questions:**
- How do human babies begin?
- What are the different ways that families begin?

**Resources:**
B&H PSHE team Y4 Lesson plans and power-point
A selection of images that show myths and reality of how a human baby begins (eg. Stork and baby; baby under a gooseberry bush, a baby in a test tube and sperm and egg etc).
B&H Art and families PowerPoint – on BEEM

### Activity and organisation

**Introduction:**
What do you remember about these Relationship and Sex Education lessons in Year 3?
Recap: why do we have these lessons? How can they help us?
Explain the bigger picture for this learning: happier, healthier, and safer lives, now and in the future.

Ask: How can we make sure everyone feels safe, valued and included in these lessons?

**Establish Ground rules.** For example:
- Listen
- Try to join in
- Be respectful
- Encourage others
- No personal questions
- Use scientific language for personal and private parts of the body
- Think about what you share

Explain the purpose of the question box and thought wall as a way to ask (and answer) questions both publically and more privately.

Explain learning questions for today’s lesson how it fits into the learning journey for this unit of PSHE.

Ask children how they feel about this learning. Acknowledge the difference between RSE lessons and other lessons in the curriculum. Emphasise that learning about our bodies and how babies are made will help us to be healthy, happy and safe. Highlight that it is very understandable to feel

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**Including adopted and looked after children in Relationship and Sex education and family diversity lessons**

Before lessons:
embarrassed and recap some coping strategies.

For example:
- Take three slow calming out breaths
- Say to yourself: this feeling will pass
- Remind yourself of the reasons for this learning
- Try a grounding technique

**Warm Up**

With a partner visit the different pictures of explanations of how a human baby starts in different corners of the room. For example: a stork; under a gooseberry bush; a shop; sperm and egg etc.

Ask: What do you think?
- Why are there these stories about how babies are made?
- Why do you think it is important to know how babies really start?

Elicit the children’s **prior knowledge** by asking children to talk with a partner and record their ideas.

- What you are sure that you know about how human babies start?
- What you are not sure about how human babies start?
- Any questions? What would you like to know more about?

Ask for volunteers to feedback and share.

**Knowledge Harvest:**

Read from a text such as:

- Mummy Laid an egg by Babette Cole;
- It’s not the Stork by Robie H Harris
- Made with Love by Kate Petty

- Discuss with child; parent/carers; School Inclusion team where appropriate if you feel a child needs extra support/strategies to feel safe during these lessons.
- Reflect on how to introduce different family types and how to include adopted and looked after children.

Inclusive script:

**Families can be made in different ways. Occasionally people who give birth to children are not able or ready to look after them and so lots of important people make a special adoption plan and the child is given to a family who are ready and able to look after them. So, children can live with the family they were born into or with a family that adopts them.**

- ‘being adopted into a family’ rather than ‘being adopted’.

Use of the term birth – mother/parent:

- Some parent/carers don’t like phrase birth mother as not a ‘mother’ to child;

Also: We don’t want to make children in stable family think that there’s a possibility s/he may have to be adopted. They also felt the idea that deciding a child can’t live with the parents who gave birth to them and placing a child in a new family is a long legal process not a quick and easy decision is
Ask if anyone has any questions and rectify any misconceptions.

Watch BBC Bitesize clip: 1min 03
https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/zpmqxnb

For further scientific clarification of sperm and egg and human fertilisation

**How Families grow**

- Ask: What do all human babies need to start growing?
- Do babies all join families in the same way?

Read excerpts from a text such as:

*Welcome to the Family* by Mary Hoffman

Can you list all the different ways a family can grow?

Teacher scribe ideas and display.

**Independent task:**

In small groups ask children to create a poster in the style of ‘Real Families Rock poster’
(http://www.outforourchildren.org.uk/resources/)

to show all the different ways a family grows

Include:

- All babies start with a sperm and an egg
- Draw and use words to show all the different ways babies are welcomed into a family

**Question Box:**

Give all children the opportunity to write a question that they or a year four child might want to ask after this lesson.

Place in a question box and return to these questions in a later lesson.
Closing activities:

**Celebrate our diverse families**

Sing a song like: We are family by Sister Sledge

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6LYOfeSWNM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F6LYOfeSWNM)

Or look at B&H PSHE Team power-point: All our families are unique: families in art

Or

Read a book about different families, for example:

- Who’s in my family? By Robie H Harris
- Two Homes by Claire Masurel
- Welcome to the family by Mary Hoffman
- All you need is love by Shanni Coillins

**Where to get help:**
Remind and reassure children that if they have a question or want to talk about a worry after this lesson that it is always ok to ask for help. Explain who, when and where they can get this help.

Make links to Protective Behaviours programme, Feeling Good Feeling Safe core message: We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small.

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Year 4: Lesson 2

Suggested learning questions:

- What happen to my body as I grow and change from a child to a grown up?

Resources:

- B&H PSHE team Y4 Lesson plans and power-point
- Changes at puberty cards (for most girls and most boys) for sorting
- Venn Diagrams (with categories: for most girls and for most boys)

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How does knowing how a human baby starts link to learning about how our bodies grow and change?

**Brilliant Bodies**
In pairs discuss and share:
What do you like about your body?
What is brilliant about what your body can do?
Feedback.

Introduce the lesson focus: how children grow and change, by watching a clip like:
A portrait of Vince 0-14 years
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXjFMX-uhzk

**Elicit prior Knowledge:**
In Pairs:
Record all you know about how most children’s bodies grow and change into young adults
Think about:
What happens on the outside and inside of the body?
Feedback
Recap and warm up and build confidence in using the scientific language for the private and personal parts of the body.
Ask:
- Why do we use scientific language to describe the personal and private parts of the body?
- Let’s remember the language we have learnt before.
- Take it in turns to say the names of the personal and private parts of the body.
- Include: Vulva; Vagina; Penis; Testicles; Breasts; Anus; Scrotum; Nipples and Clitoris

**Introducing Puberty**
Ask: can anyone clarify the word puberty?
Clarify and or teach key knowledge about puberty:
- Apart from a child’s first year, puberty is a time when a child grows the most.
- These changes begin when a part of the brain starts sending out hormones
- These changes will affect how a person looks and feels
- When this begins varies but it is usually around 8-10 for most girls and around 10-12 for most boys
- Puberty is another word for growing up
- A person’s body is preparing to be able to have children as a grown up if they choose to

Ask if anyone has any questions.
Clarify what a hormone is... *A hormone is a chemical messenger that is released by a part of the brain. Hormones*
travel round the body in the blood and cause the body to start to grow and change.

**Knowledge Harvest**

Read a text such as: Hairy in Funny Places by Babette Cole or Let’s talk by Robbie H Harris or What’s happening to me? By Susan Meredith

Listen carefully to the text. What have you found out? What happens for most girls and most boys at puberty?

Highlight key changes for most girls and most boys

( Including: body shape and growth changes; muscle growth changes; body hair growth, changes to personal and private body parts eg. lengthening and widening of penis and growth of testicles; breast development; sperm production and wet dreams and periods starting.)

Do you have any questions?

**Explain and introduce periods:**

- A period is short for menstrual period.
- It’s the time each month when most girls will experience a small amount of fluid that includes some blood, which flows out of their uterus or womb through their vagina.
- This lasts for 3-5 days.
- The fluid is absorbed by a sanitary pad worn in a girl’s pants.
- This is a normal part of growing up and means that most girls can choose to have a baby as a grown up.

Watch a film clip to grow understanding:

For example:

Betty Bus website:

[https://bettyforschools.co.uk/resources/8-11-year-olds/part-one](https://bettyforschools.co.uk/resources/8-11-year-olds/part-one)

Or: What is menstruation?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXrQ_FhZmos](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vXrQ_FhZmos)

Ask: Why do you think it is important for boys to learn about periods?

Ask if anyone has any questions?

**Independent activity:**

In pairs: Sort cards of the changes at puberty for most girls
and most boys onto Venn diagram (changes for both in the middle section) and have a pile of not sure, if necessary. Feedback and clarify key changes at puberty. Ask again if anyone has any questions?

**Closing activity:**

**Growing Body Confidence**

Celebrate your brilliant growing body with some dancing.

Join in with an activity like Go Noodle: Dynamite Guided dance activity:

https://app.gonoodle.com/channels/the-champiverse/dynamite-2?s=category&t=Guided%20Dance

**Question Box:**

Give all children the opportunity to write a question that they or a year four child might want to ask after this lesson.

Place in a question box and return to these questions in a later lesson.

**Where to get help:**

Remind and reassure children that if they have a question or want to talk about a worry after this lesson that it is always ok to ask for help. Explain who, when and where they can get this help.

Make links to Protective Behaviours programme, Feeling Good Feeling Safe core message: We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small.

**Assessment for and of learning:**

Can children describe key changes at puberty for most girls and boys?

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Year 4 : Lesson 3  
Suggested learning questions: 

- How do the changes at puberty affect how young people might feel?

Resources:  
B&H PSHE team Y4 Lesson plans and power-point

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<td>Play puberty ping pong with your partner:</td>
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<td>Ask children how they feel about growing and changing and experiencing puberty:</td>
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<td>Ask for volunteers to stand on an imaginary line in the classroom to show how they are feeling about growing up.</td>
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<td>Explain that the feelings continuum starts at one end with feelings such as: feeling scared and worried through not sure to ok to feeling excited and ending with can’t wait.</td>
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<td>How can we make sure we keep everyone safe? Volunteers share reasons for choices.</td>
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<td>Reassure and explain that:</td>
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<td>Ask: What could you do or say to help someone if they were worried about changing and growing up?</td>
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might have about puberty. Teacher to scribe a list. This could include:

- When will puberty happen to me?
- I feel awkward about how I look
- I feel too tall
- I feel too small
- I have a crush on a celebrity
- I am normal?
- I don’t think I’m like other girls and boys

Remind the class that the focus of the lesson is to think about strategies to cope with worries about puberty.

**Independent activity:**
In pairs:
Pick one of these worries.
What could you say or do for a year 4 child who had some of these worries?
Share and record ideas.
Highlight possible coping strategies:
- Talk about your feelings with someone on your helping hand.
- Keep talking about how you feel
- Say: this feeling will pass
- Try some calming or grounding techniques
- There are more ways than one to be a girl or boy
Ask children to record the strategy that they think might be helpful.

**Growing body confidence:**
Ask children to look at the images of children’s faces on the PPT slide and then look carefully at your partner’s face.
What do you notice?
Ask: Do you think the changes to a person’s body (including personal and private parts) during puberty will mean everyone looks the same?
Reassure and explain that all bodies (including the personal and private parts) come in all shapes and sizes and this is healthy and normal.

**All equal and all different:**
Explain that sometimes children get put down when their bodies start to change and also if they have not started to change.
This is mean behaviour.
What could you safely say or do if this happened to you or a classmate?
When would this become bullying behaviour?
Share and display your ideas.
Practise safely responding to examples of prejudiced
language, for example: All bodies come in all shapes and sizes and this is healthy and normal.

**Closing Activities**

**Growing body confidence:**
Try an activity like:
Go Noodle Release your warrior
[https://app.gonoodle.com/categories/boost-confidence](https://app.gonoodle.com/categories/boost-confidence)

And /or:
Affirmation activity
Ask children to quietly reflect:
What makes you, you?
Your body maybe changing and growing but you are still you!
Ask children to:
Take a breath in and as you breathe out think about all the amazing things that make you, you!
Repeat x3

**Question Box:**

Give all children the opportunity to write a question that they or a year four child might want to ask after this lesson.

Place in a question box and return to these questions in a later lesson.

**Where to get help:**
Remind and reassure children that if they have a question or want to talk about a worry after this lesson that it is always ok to ask for help. Explain who, when and where they can get this help.

Make links to Protective Behaviours programme, Feeling Good Feeling Safe core message: We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small.

**Assessment for and of learning:**
*Can children describe how the changes at puberty affect how young people might feel?*
*Can the children suggest strategies for coping with these feelings?*

**Essential skill1**
Identity, Self Awareness, resilience and Managing feelings
Year 4 : Lesson 4
Suggested learning questions:

- What skills do I need as I grow and change?
- How can I keep healthy and safe as I grow and change?

Resources:
B&H PSHE team Y4 Lesson plans and power-point
Skills as a I grow and change sheet

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• Pets
• Shopping
• Choosing clothes
• Computer and or phone
• Worship

Ask: What do you do most days and most weeks?

Make a link between everyday activities and growing and changing.
Ask children to think about what skills they will need as they grow and change.
Focus on skills for school and going out to places such as the park, town centre or beach.
Ask children in pairs to fill out chart and to think about how these skills might change between year 4 and year 7.
Think about changing responsibilities and how this might be different for different children and reassure the class that this is normal and healthy.

Growing, growing up skills:
Focus on an activity that many of the children will become more independent as they grow and change.
For example: Walking to school independently

• How could a year 4 child do this in safe steps?
• Risks?
• Stop Think Go!
• Can you make a plan for a year 4 child to achieve this safely?

Class teacher to scribe a list and/or children record their ideas for a plan for a year 4 children to achieve walking to school independently and safely.
Highlight that it is normal and healthy for children to start growing these growing up skills at different times.

Independent Activity:
Look again at the list of everyday activities.
Ask the children if they can apply a safe steps plan to another aspect of everyday life that might change as they grow and change?
Recap the list of everyday activities.

Keeping healthy as we grow and change
Ask: What do we need to keep us healthy as we grow and change?

Include and highlight: regular exercise; rest and relaxation, recap the 5 steps to well-being and asking for help with

Disability Equality: When talking about physical changes as we grow, be mindful of saying phrases such as ‘now we can all walk, run’ etc... Talk instead about ‘some children’ and use phrases such as ‘getting
worries and questions about growing up.

**Closing Activities:**

Highlight the need to rest well as we grow and change by watching a short film clip like:

Go noodle: Rest Well

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-Ovp4lpSpQ

Ask the children to think about their hopes and dreams about changing and growing up and to complete the sentence:

I am looking forward to...

**Reflection on learning**

At the end of the unit ask children to reflect and record:

- What have I learnt?
- What I have enjoyed?
- What would I like to know more about?

Any questions?

**Where to get help:**

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**Assessment for and of learning:**

Can the children describe some of the skills they might need as they grow and change?

**Essential skill1**

Identity, Self Awareness, resilience and Managing feelings

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better at moving' to include those with physical disabilities.

For more information about the 5 Steps to Well-being: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yF7Ou43Vj6c
Core Messages for KS2 Pupils about Puberty and Relationships

1. In Your Own Time
   • At this age, some of you might start feeling attracted to or fancy people but some of you might not
   • There is no set time for these feelings to start, so don’t worry if you don’t have these feelings.

2. Be Yourself
   • How you feel about yourself, and your gender identity and your relationships may change at this time or in the future
   • You have a right to be who you want to be and not to be restricted by gender stereotypes.

3. Accept your changing body
   • Bodies develop at different speeds and into all different shapes and sizes, not just the ones you see in the media
   • You have the right to ask questions and get support with these changes.

4. Enjoy it
   • Friendships should be fun!
   • If friends don’t make you feel good about being yourself, then are they good friends?

5. Stay Safe
   • You are the boss of your body; you have the right to say if you don’t like how you are being touched
   • Pay attention to your early warning signs and talk to a trusted person if you feel at all uncomfortable.

6. Know Your Feelings
   • Puberty can be a very confusing time where you might find your mood changing often and you might have more extreme feelings about yourself and others
   • Try and name your feelings and know that all feelings are ok, it is what you decide to do about them that matters.

7. Stay In Control
   • Think about what you share with others - telling or keeping secrets
   • Notice your early warning signs and act on them!

8. Keep Talking
   • Keep talking to your friends and family and ask questions when you need to
   • There’s nothing so awful (or too small) to talk to someone about.

9. Stay Connected
   • Remember there are people around you (parents, carers, trusted adults, teachers, mentors, ChildLine) you can get help and advice from if you’re faced with tricky decisions or situations or just need someone to talk to.