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Diversity



PROMOTING THE NINE PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS

Diversity at Birch Copse

At Birch Copse Primary School, we are a multicultural diverse school. We **prepare** learners for **adult life**, equipping them to be **respectful** and **responsible** British citizens for life in modern Britain. We aim to develop their **understanding**, **appreciation** and **celebration** of the **diversity** of the different protected characteristics defined by law.

Our Aims:

- Promote equality of opportunity in schools and prevent discrimination.
- Teach children about the Equality Act 2010.
- Create a positive culture in the school where all groups of people are welcome.
- Teach children to feel comfortable in themselves while recognising and celebrating differences and diversity in others.
- Prepare children to leave primary school happy and excited about living in a community full of difference and diversity.
- To contribute positively to society and life in Britain as they grow up.

We recognise the importance that all pupils gain an understanding of the world they are growing up in and learn how to live alongside, and show respect for, a diverse range of people. A way in which we ensure we are providing children with the knowledge and skills to do this is through the teaching of protected characteristics.

The 9 Protected Characteristics:

The Equality Act became law in 2010. It covers everyone in Britain and protects people from discrimination, harassment and victimisation. Everyone in Britain is protected. Under the Equality Act, there are nine Protected Characteristics:

- 1. Age
- 2. Disability
- 3. Gender reassignment
- 4. Race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin
- 5. Religion or belief
- 6. Marriage or civil partnership
- 7. Sex
- 8. Sexual orientation
- 9. Pregnancy and maternity

Protected Characteristic	Age 10 2A 12 15 18	Disability Lagrange Agency Control of the Control	Gender Reassignment	Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership	Sex O	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
Definition of what it is	How old a person is?	A person has a disability if they have a physical or mental impairment that effects their ability to carry out normal dayto-day activities.	Proposing to or changing from one gender to another. This characteristic also protects gender-fluid and non-binary persons.	Refers to a group of people who have similar characteristics such as race, colour, nationality (including citizenship) & ethnic or national origins.	Whether a person has religious or other beliefs that affect the way they live & the decisions they make.	A union between two people in a same-sex or opposite-sex couple. Civil Partners must not be treated differently to married partners.	Sex refers to whether you are born as a male/boy or female/girl.	A person's attraction to their own gender, the opposite gender or more than one gender.	During pregnancy & for 26 weeks after birth, women should not be treated unfairly for things such as breastfeeding in public. Women are also entitled to maternity leave after birth.

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Teaching the Protected Characteristics aims to support children in gaining an understanding of the diverse and multicultural society they live in. It strives to develop their appreciation of differences between individuals and groups and to teach acceptance and tolerance of other people's cultures, traditions, and ways of life. In addition to explicit teaching, the nine protected characteristics are further embedded through assemblies and daily interactions.

Promoting the 9 Protected Characteristics at Birch Copse:

We believe that children should be able to recognise themselves and their circumstances so they can see their lived experiences validated and valued. The Protected Characteristics are actively promoted at Birch Copse and we work to ensure that our children understand that:

- There are **no outsiders** at Birch Copse
- Everyone is included
- Everyone is **different**
- We celebrate our differences
- We are all **equal** in our differences

At Birch Copse, we champion diversity and inclusion and embed the Protected Characteristics into the whole school ethos by:

- Promoting all the 9 Protected Characteristics through our school vision, our school core values and our behaviour policy
- Embedding a values-based curriculum
- Delivering whole school **assemblies** linked to diversity and equality, **promoting** the protective characteristics including high-quality texts which promote diversity and inclusion
- Reading and discussing picture books and stories encouraging respect and developing understanding of diversity.
- Developing a love of reading through a range of authors and genres
- Adopting a **differentiated** and **adapted** learning **experience** and **environment** for those with special educational needs and disabilities- supported by robust inclusion, equality and diversity policies and practises.
- Developing children's self-esteem, self-knowledge, self-confidence and resilience
- Developing children's voice through the School Council and other ambassador roles within the school, including the Diversity Forum
- Understanding and celebrating differences and acknowledging the strengths of others
- Embedding a culture of respect for democracy and support for participation in the democratic process e.g. school council
- Using restorative approaches to support children to take responsibility for their behaviour and to teach children to make good choices
- Promoting an understanding of how we can all **contribute positively** to the school and home life and the lives of our local community e.g. Birch Copse Buddies, classroom and school responsibilities, singing at the care home, harvest festival collection, fundraising for local charities.
- Have an understanding of Equality, Human Rights and Protected Characteristics.
- An understanding that we have the **freedom** to **choose** and hold other **faiths** and **beliefs** is protected in law e.g. British Values and RE curriculum
- Developing an understanding of the importance of identifying and combating discrimination
- Working with parents to take an active part in identifying barriers and identifying actions that can be taken to eradicate these
- Have the highest expectations for all our children and staff, and the wider community to ensure all our children can Grow Together.
- Develop further children's understanding of our diverse curriculum through educational experiences, visits and residentials
- Supporting all staff and children to recognise and reach their potential CPD, leadership and being great role models
- Encouraging children who have a particular character to **participate fully** in all activities for example; enrichment clubs before and after school, and child-led provision/clubs held at lunchtimes or competitions representing the school.
- **Supporting** all staff and children with their **Mental Health** through Mental Health Awareness Week, assemblies, the PSHE curriculum, workshops, ELSA and opportunities for Play Therapy or Lego Therapy all championed by our Mental Health Mentor

The Protected Characteristics are actively promoted at Birch Copse and further information can be found on our year group overviews below. Click on each of the Diversity coverage documents to see how each year group will learn about the nine protected characteristics.

Useful Websites:

- No Outsiders Website: https://no-outsiders.com/
- Equality Act 2010: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents
- Ofsted Guidance 2019: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspection-handbook-eif



Reception Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



12 15 18 Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment	
 PSED - 'Friday Friends' group - Helping others link to the church Literacy and Understanding of the World - So Much by Trish Cooke: a story about a baby being part of an extended Afro- Caribbean family PSED - Understand that people grow 	 PSED - Understanding that some people look different to me and we should celebrate our differences PSED - Together We Can by Caryl Hart: a picture book that celebrates diversity and inclusivity and the importance of friendship, kindness and compassion PSED - 'Friday Friends' group - Helping others linked to the church PSED - Our Class is a Family 	No coverage in Reception	
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership	
 PSED - Together We Can by Caryl Hart: a picture book that celebrates diversity and inclusivity, and the importance of friendship, kindness and compassion PSED - Our Class is a Family Literacy & Understanding of the World - So Much by Trish Cooke: a story about a baby being part of an extended Afro-Caribbean family Literacy & Understanding of the World - Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke: a story from a different culture and introduces simple numbers Literacy & Understanding of the World - Celebrations Around the World Literacy & Understanding of the World - Heroes who Help Us from Around the World: a story about different jobs creating discussions about careers, diversity and positive role models 	 PSED - Christmas Nativity production and the local community are invited Literacy & Understanding of the World - Little Glow by Katie Sahota: a story told through the eyes of the main character, watching how a community celebrate light through the year Literacy & Understanding of the World - Baby Goes to Market by Atinuke: a story from a different culture and introduces simple numbers Literacy & Understanding of the World - Celebrations Around the World Literacy & Understanding of the World - The Great Race: a book that tells the story of the Chinese Zodiac Literacy & Understanding of the World - Heroes who Help Us from Around the World: a story about different jobs creating discussions about careers, diversity and positive role models 	PSED – Love Makes a Family: a book that celebrates the uniqueness of every family	



Reception Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 PSED – Love Makes a Family: a book that celebrates the uniqueness of every family Literacy & Understanding of the World – Emily Pankhurst: Who fought for women's rights and Florence Nightingale: who was a nurse in the Crimean war who helped wounded soldiers. This inspired her to lead a healthcare revolution - both books are from the Little People, Big Dreams range of books 	No coverage in Reception	No coverage in Reception

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Year 1 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



10 A 12 Age 12 15 18	Disability	Gender Reassignment
 Art - Georgia O'Keefe – an American artist whose career spanned seven decades PSHE - Understand that people grow 	 PSHE - Understanding that some people look different to me and we should celebrate our differences Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	No coverage in Year 1
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership
 Art - Georgia O'Keefe – an American artist whose career spanned seven decades Art - Henri Rousseau: French artist Music - Listen and appraise music from different cultures PSHE - Understanding that some people look different to me RE Christianity - Creation story and Christmas story RE Christianity - Bible stories and Easter Story RE Judaism - Shabbat and Hanukkah (RE) Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	 History - Florence Nightingale: influential women in history History - Edith Cavell — influential women in history Geography - UK Topic — traditions of the four nations Music - Listen and appraise music from different cultures Music - Learning songs for religious festivals e.g. Christingle, harvest, carol service RE Christianity — learning about the Creation story and the Christmas story linked to Christian beliefs and practises RE Christianity — learning about different Bible stories and the Easter Story linked to Christian beliefs and practises RE Judaism — learning about Shabbat and Hanukkah and their importance to Jews 	PSHE – Different types of families: Discussion about how families can look different, but all are still characterised by love and care for one another.



Year 1 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 English - Emmeline Pankhurst: Great women who changed the world English & History - Amelia Earhart: First women to fly over the Atlantic Ocean Science - Scientist Study: Jeanne Baret - First women to sail around the world and she dressed as a boy to get onto the ship as women weren't allowed at the time Science - Recognising and naming body parts History - Florence Nightingale: influential women in history History - Edith Cavell: influential women in history Art - Different artists from around the world: Georgia O'Keefe: American artist/ Henri Rousseau - French artist/ Sir 		2
 Anthony Gormley – English artist PSHE - Understanding that some people look different to 		
 me PSHE - Keeping private's private! Linked to PANTS from NSPCC 		
PE - Get Set 4 PE scheme includes girls demonstrating football skills, all the plans show people of different ethnicities and disabilities		

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Year 2 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



15 18 Age	Disability	Gender Reassignment
 English - Malala Yousafazi books: standing up for girls' rights Science - Life Stages of different animals including humans 	 English Reading & PE – Ellie Simmonds a para-Olympian swimmer and role model English Reading – 'This is me!' by George Webster; a picture book that celebrates our differences Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	No coverage in Year 2
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership
 English - Malala Yousafazi books- standing up for girls' rights English - Reading lesson on Wangari Maathai from Kenya English & PE & Science - Exploring people of interest: Mo Farah (long distance runner), Michelle Obama (First Lady and lawyer), Nokwanda Pearl Makunga (Professor of Biotechnology) Art - Explore artists with different nationalities: Alma Woodsey Thomas (African-American artist), Katsushika Hokusai (Japanese artist) and Edith Meusnier (French artist) DT - Kente weaving unit of work originating from the Ashanti Kingdom in Ghana Music – Listen and appraise music from South Africa: 'The Click Song' by Miriuam Mabeba, 'Mbube' by Soweto Gospel Choir, 'Bring Him Back Home (Nelson Mandela)' by Hugh Masekela, ' PE - Country Line Dancing 	 English - Malala Yousafazi books- standing up for girls' rights History - Gunpowder Plot: discuss religious beliefs and impact on people's lives PSHE - Showing respect to other cultures and their beliefs RE Judaism - Passover/ The Covenant/ Rites of passage. RE Christianity - Jesus' teachings and 'Jesus as a gift' PSHE - 'Understanding Acceptance and how people believe different things to me' 	 PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of people History – Monarchs: marriage within the royal family PSHE - Marriage being a lifelong commitment between two people



Year 2 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 English - Great women that have changed the world Wangari Maathai from Kenya English - Malala Yousafazi books- standing up for girls' rights Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society Science - Exploring Scientists/people of interest: Dame Jane Goodall DBE (primatologist and anthropologist), Michelle Obama (First Lady and lawyer), Nokwanda Pearl Makunga (Professor of Biotechnology) History -Monarchs: challenges faced by female monarchs - Queen Victoria and queen Elizabeth II PE - Get Set 4 PE scheme includes girls demonstrating football skills, all the plans show people of different ethnicities and disabilities 	No coverage in Year 2	 English – Changes: a book which explores the impact of a new baby on a child Science - Life Stages of different animals including humans History – Monarchs: challenges faced by female monarchs

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Year 3 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



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- English The Youngest Marcher book by Cynthia Levinson - The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist
- **RE** What age to do responsibilities?



Disability

- English Tanni Grey Thompson: a Paralympian who raced in a wheelchair and won 11 gold medals for Britain and is a global ambassador for disability sport
- Music The Dragon Song: A song about difference
- Maths Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society

Gender Reassignment

English - Bill's New Frock:- a boy goes to school as a girl (a body swap story) and realises how girls are treated differently at school - discuss how this should not happen and how equality is important for everyone



Race

- English Rosa Parks: influential women in history
- **English Nicola Adams from** 'Women in sport' – influential women in sport
- English Maya Angelou: an American civil rights activist and
- History The beliefs and practices of people from different ancient cultures: Prehistoric Britain, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece and how they are similar or different to our lives today
- Music Let your spirit fly -Appreciating music by Marvin Gaye & Barry White
- Music Explore different musical genres & cultures: Birdsong - Chinese Folk Music /Vaishnava Java - A Hindu Song / Aitutaki Drum Dance from Polynesia/ Zebaidir Song from Sudan
- **French** Respecting nationality and appreciation of cultural diversity
- **Geography Settlements:We** discuss being British and how the UK is home to people of many nationalities and faiths



Religion or Belief

- English The Youngest Marcher - Suffragettes: influential women
- English India: Sukhu and Dukhu and Gope and Mira: A Migration Story – discussing Indian tales and morals of stories
- History The beliefs and practices of people from different ancient cultures -Prehistoric Britain, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece – and how they are similar or different to our lives today
- **Geography** Settlements: We discuss being British if you were born in Britain, but that the UK is home to people of many nationalities and faiths
- **RE Christianity** Christmas, Good Friday and Jesus' Miracles
- **RE Judaism** Relationship with God and beliefs and practises which show commitment to God



Marriage or Civil Partnership

- **PSHE** Understanding similarities and differences of different people
- Reading & PE Nicola Adams from 'Women in Sport' influential women role model



Year 3 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 English & History - The Youngest Marcher – Suffragettes – influential women in history English & Science - 50 Fearless Women in Science: influential women in history English - Stone Girl, Bone Girl: the story of Mary Anning: influential women in history English & History - The Role of women in Ancient Greece English - Maya Angelou – an American civil rights activist and poet English - Tanni Grey Thompson: a Paralympian and is a global ambassador for disability sport Science - Exploring Scientists: Mary Anning: a female English palaeontologist, Adelle Davis: a female American nutritionist, Marie Curie: a female Polish/French physicist and chemist, Inge Lehmann: a female Dutch seismologist and geophysicist, Jan Ingenhousz: a Dutch scientist who discovered photosynthesis. History - The beliefs and practices of people from different ancient cultures – Prehistoric Britain, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece – and how they are similar or different to our lives today 	PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. English - Nicola Adams from 'Women in sport': influential women in sport; same sex relationship Settlements - Same sex family included as part of a discussion and activity about where different families might choose to settle and why?	No coverage in Year 3

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Year 4 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



10 15 18 Age	∴ Disability⋄⋄⋄	Gender Reassignment
 English & Geography – Young Role Model Greta Thunberg Conservation Book: 'Greta and The Giants' Reading & PSHE - Elderly – getting older (understanding how this can affect your life and developing compassion for the needs of the elderly) 	 PSHE - Similarities and differences between people Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	No coverage in year 4
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership
 English & Geography - The Caribbean English & PE - Sporting Icons: Greatness – Jesse Owens (an Olympic American track and field athlete) English & PE - Sporting Icons: Muhammed Ali: Last night I had a dream English - Empire – looking at the Windrush English - India: Sukhu and Dukhu and Gope and Mira: A Migration Story/ Indian tales Geography – Mountains: Tenzing Norguy - a Nepalese-Indian Sherpa mountaineer Art - Picasso – a Spanish/ French artist Art - Giacometti - Swiss artist DT - Indian cooking: children taste and cook traditional Indian curries Music - Learn to play the steel pans Science - Scientist study: Lewis Latimer - inventor of the lightbulb with Edison PSHE - Understanding similarities and differences of race and gender and being respectful of them Reading - Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce: a Jamaican track and field sprinter 	RE Hinduism: celebrating Divali at home/ Who is Brahman and why is he important to Hindus? / The River Ganges and it's special spiritual meaning RE Christianity: what is the most significant part of the Christmas story? / The Easter Story and Forgiveness/ Do people go to Church to show they are Christian? Geography & RE Buddhism: Prayer Flags on Mountains — the meaning and beliefs about prayer flags	English - The Light Jar Story: underlying theme of marriage Maths & Science - Alan Turing (an English mathematician, computer scientist, logician) who was a homosexual and went to prison as a result of his sexual orientation in 1952



Year 4 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 English/ Music & PSHE - Song 'Electricity' from Billy Elliot. Watch and dissect the language used in the song, considering how they link to his feelings English - Conservation Book: 'Greta and The Giants' History - Stereotypes and challenging these: Woman's/ men's roles as an Anglo Saxon Science - Marie Curie Nobel Prize Winner - female winner who discovered radium and polonium, who praised for her contributions to cancer treatment. Scientist Study: Cindy Looy – a female plant ecologist who studies the effect of climate change on plants PSHE - Understanding similarities and differences of race and gender and being respectful of them PSHE - Discussing and challenging stereotypes 	 PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. Alan Turing (an English mathematician, computer scientist, logician) who was a homosexual and went to prison as a result of his sexual orientation in 1952 	Reading & RE - Sukhu and Dukhu by Swapna Dutta — cultural theme and risks with pregnancy

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Year 5 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



10 A 10 Age 12 15 18	Ե P Disability	Gender Reassignment
 PSHE and SRE – how our bodies change as we get older and puberty PSHE - Age related expectations and responsibilities English – the story Cosmic where a child is mistaken as an adult due to height and premature facial hair 	 English – the story called The Goldfish Boy. We look at themes around OCD English - Louis Braille. A role model who is blind and the struggles he faced English - The London Eye Mystery: Can you see me? – discussing themes linked with autism Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	No coverage in year 5
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership
 Art - Shantell Martin – British Artist Reading - The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf (a story about a refugee) PE & Reading - Sporting Icon: Pele Reading & DT - Engineer/Inventor: Michael Kamkwamba Reading & Maths – Mathematician Role Model: Katherine Johnson Reading & Science - Astronaut: Mae Jemison Reading - Poet: Benjamin Zepheniah Science - Scientist Study: Maggie Aderin Pocock Music - Listen and Appraise: Motown artists and songs French - Respecting nationality and appreciation of cultural diversity 	 RE - Sikhism Discuss: How far would a Sikh go for their religion? Are Sikh stories important today? RE - Christianity Discuss: Is the Christmas Story true? Was Jesus' life & death planned by God? RE - Humanism. Discuss: How can Humanists lead good lives? History - Tudors: Reformation of the Church & the Dissolution of the Monasteries English - Refugees and the persecution they face 	History – Tudor and Current Monarchs: marriage and divorce within the royal family SRE & PSHE – Relationships: different family units and relationships



Year 5 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 PSHE – Discussions around body image and the pressures of society Reading – The Boy at the Back of the Class – a story with a gender twist 	 PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. PSHE – Basic laws around consent 	 History – Tudor Monarchs: the challenges faced by female monarchs Reading & Science – Stages of human life (Life cycles)

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Year 6 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



<u>∧</u>	Disability	Gender Reassignment
 PSHE - transitioning to Secondary School and preparing for getting older/becoming a teenager PSHE – welcoming and chatting to the elderly or a nursery when they visit our school 	 Reading - Text: Can you see me? Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott (diary entries written by eleven-year-old Libby Scott, based on her own experiences of autism). Maths - Names and images used in White Rose scheme reflect the diversity in society 	No coverage in year 4
Race	Religion or Belief	Marriage or Civil Partnership
 English - Malorie Blackman and her texts: Pigheart Boy and Hacker Reading & History - Nelson Mandela: Discussions around civil rights Reading & History - Slavery and the transatlantic slave trade Reading - Holes by Louis Sachar: we look at and address the issues within the book linked to racism Science - Scientist Study: Lewis Latimer: inventor of the lightbulb with Edison Art - Artist Study: Stephen Wiltshire (Black British) and Maya Lin (Chinese American) French - Respecting nationality and appreciation of cultural diversity 	 RE Christianity – How significant is it that Mary was Jesus' mother? Is anything ever eternal? Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on earth? RE Islam – What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? History - The Pope and the Magna Carter: the power of religion at that period of time and the importance it had over people's lives 	 PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. History – Democracy: the increased freedom of choice, especially for women over the time period from 1066 to modern day in relation to marriage and civil partnership



Year 6 Coverage of Diversity and The 9 Protected Characteristics



Sex	Sexual Orientation	Pregnancy and Maternity
 PSHE – Discussions around body image and the pressures of society PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. History – Women's struggles throughout history: the Suffragettes Reading – Sister Suffragette text (women's rights) Reading - Inspirational Women: Mother Teresa History – Democracy: the increased freedom of choice, especially for women over the time period from 1066 to modern day in relation to marriage and civil partnership 	 PSHE – Understanding similarities and differences of different people, including sexual orientation, sex, gender etc. PSHE – Basic laws around consent 	 Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) – pregnancy and how a female becomes pregnant PSHE - different family dynamics and units

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