

Dear Colleagues,

As you will be aware, in late July 2025 the DfE published new [Statutory Guidance](#) for Schools on the delivery of RSHE from September 2026. It is vital for healthy development that all young people have a strong RSHE education.

Through an open invitation in Autumn of 2025 we met with Headteachers, who told us unanimously that they would welcome an update to the current Sheffield Primary RSHE Curriculum in time for the 2026-27 academic year.

To ensure that schools have ongoing free access to quality RSHE resources, we plan to:

- Update the Sheffield Primary RSHE Curriculum to incorporate the new guidance.
- Provide guidance to Secondary Schools on any new content and signposting to resources already available.
- Work in partnership with Sheffield City Council to complete a targeted community and faith leader consultation (replicating the valuable work we did in 2019/20) to provide reassurance around the content.
- Offer training and networking sessions to PSHE lead teachers in Primary and Secondary schools.

The work to be completed

In 2020 Learn Sheffield led the development of the Sheffield RSHE curriculum for Sheffield and Doncaster. This was delivered to schools free of charge through funding from SCC and DCC. This was updated in 2024 under the Developing Healthy Attitudes Project with South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit. At this point it also became free to use in Barnsley and Rotherham. The resources are widely used across the city and can still be accessed [here](#).

To progress the development of the resources we spoke to several headteachers who consulted colleagues and advised us that they thought that schools could either be asked for a small one-off donation or would be willing to release a teacher to write lessons with specified content, during the summer term, perhaps for up to three days. This would be unpaid, but the teacher and the school would be credited in the final version and provides an excellent development opportunity for a suitably experienced

colleague. The funding donated from schools would be used to coordinate the development of the resources and provide advice and support to the creators.

We have also secured a small donation from Rotherham and Doncaster Councils.

We are already offering PSHE/RSHE subject specialist meetings on a non-cost basis to both Primary and Secondary Schools in Sheffield. We have been seeking external funding for this work, but this has not been possible to date.

We have already begun elements of this work. Learn Sheffield and three teachers who have previously designed content with us are working through the existing content and updating this. Once that part of the work is complete (we expect this to be by the end of summer term 1) we will be specifying lessons that need writing. The leaders will specify the learning objectives, and volunteer teachers will produce the lessons using templates provided by Learn Sheffield. We envisage that all of this can be done remotely.

Supplementary PSHE Association Membership

To compliment the resources, we strongly recommend that schools also have the basic level PSHE association membership. We have been able to negotiate a reduced subscription rate for Sheffield Schools. This will be between £100 and £125, depending on the number of schools who sign up, reduced from £165. This will allow us to signpost schools to member only resources that have been produced, particularly on very sensitive topics. Schools who already have already purchased a membership will be able to come to an agreement with the PSHE association for a refund, extension of their membership or additional resource, dependent on the length of time since they bought their membership.

Timescales

We are planning to have an overview document ready by the end of the summer term and will have the most lessons completed by September. We will have everything else completed by October half term. This will also allow time for parent consultation, but they should be reassured that most of the content remains the same and the style of the lessons will be as previously.

Community Consultation

Colleagues also commented on the useful approach taken to community consultation following the release of previous versions of the resources, particularly in 2020. Headteachers have said they would like this to be repeated. We are currently in

negotiation with SCC to secure funding to do a version of this and they acknowledge that the political climate has made the need for this possibly more pressing than in 2020.

Valuable support needed from schools

To ensure these resources remain free to use for all schools in the local region we will need to use the expertise of teachers across Sheffield schools to help us to write them.

We are asking schools to contribute one of the following which would allow us to complete the development of the RSHE resources on a cost recovery model, to keep the resources free for all Sheffield Schools.

1 Make a one-off donation of £200 which will allow us to complete this work.

Or

2. Donate one or more days of teacher time in half term 2 for a suitably experienced teacher to write lessons with specified learning objectives using templates provided by Learn Sheffield.

If you feel that your setting can support this work, please [complete this form](#) to indicate your preferences.

If you require any other information, please contact me via email at sue.finnigan@learnsheffield.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
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