

Hands Off Our Kids!

Important information for Irish Parents, Teachers & Guardians

Proposed new extreme RSE sex education

In 2019 the Oireachtas Committee on Education & Skills released a report on **Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)** calling for a complete change in how relationships and sexuality are taught in Irish schools. The committee heard from 54 liberal-left pressure groups, sex and gender activists and NGOs — many agitating for their own permissive sexual preferences and agenda to be **compulsorily imposed** on all Irish schools.

The committee's RSE recommendations include:

- Sex education lessons to start earlier, at **primary school age**
- Children should be **taught about LGBTQI+ experiences and sexual practices** in RSE lessons
- Children should be taught that there is a **spectrum of gender identities** —not just biological males or females. In other words, children will be taught that **boys can be girls and girls can be boys**
- Children should be taught **abortion is “reproductive healthcare”**
- Children should be taught about **“sexual consent”**, even though most will be well **under** the legal age of **16**
- Children should be taught **‘porn literacy’**

The new RSE programme to be prepared by the National Council for Curriculum & Assessment (NCCA) will adopt these recommendations and create a syllabus around them.

The Education Act (1998) will be amended to **remove every school's right to maintain their own ethos** - which means **no opt out for any parents**. This is a way of getting around Article 42.1 of Ireland's Constitution, which is supposed to guarantee every parent's right to be the main and natural educators of their children. As a result, extremely sexualised RSE lessons will soon be taught to every child in every classroom in Ireland and **parents will not be able to object**



“NO ELEMENT can be omitted on the basis of ethos”

*Joe McHugh, Fine Gael
Minister for Education*

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Dangers of the proposed new RSE programme

- × The planned new syllabus is about **ideology**, not biology.
- × It will **sexualise children** from a very early age.
- × It will **cause gender confusion** and long-term psychological harm
- × It will normalise **abortion** as a form of birth control
- × It will **ignore parents' constitutional rights**
- × It will **make children more vulnerable** to paedophiles by teaching them how to both withhold and give sexual consent

Your Constitutional Rights

Article 42.1 states very clearly:

The State acknowledges that the primary and natural educator of the child is the Family and guarantees to respect the inalienable right and duty of parents to provide, according to their means, for the religious and moral, intellectual, physical and social education of their children. Parents are the primary educators of the child, and have the right and duty to provide for their children's education.

Current sex education in primary and secondary schools

Currently all Irish primary schools operate the Stay Safe programme. The aim of the programme is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme for children. In most schools it includes basic biology and sex education awareness appropriate to 5th and 6th year primary school classes, according to each school's ethos. The programme is not compulsory - parents can opt out if they wish. **The programme works well and there is no parental demand to change it.**

Currently all secondary students do a course in Social, Physical and Health Education (SPHE). This includes relationships and sex education and can be adapted to reflect the ethos of a school. Delivery of the programme is also monitored by the Department of Education. **The course is well established, works well and there is no parental demand to change it.**

The push change is coming from pressure groups and politicians with their own ideological agenda.



To protect our kids, all parents should...

- Learn more here: www.handsoffourkids.org
- Provide your own parental feedback to the NCCA before the 25th October 2019 deadline here: www.ncca.ie
- Contact all your local TDs (see www.whoismytd.com) to request that they respect parents' constitutional rights and do not support Fine Gael's rush to change the Education Act (1998) to try and make the new extreme RSE programme compulsory for all schools and children.