SEX EDUCATION AT THE NELSON THOMLINSON SCHOOL

POLICY STATEMENT

The school follows the APAUSE programme, a collaborative process between Education and Health Authorities and the Department of Child Health at Exeter University.

The long-term goal of the Apause programme is to promote the positive aspects of long-term stable relationships, both emotional and physical.

The aims of the project are to:

- Increase tolerance, respect and mutual understanding.
- Enhance knowledge of risks and counteracting myths.
- Improve effective contraceptive use by teenagers already sexually active.
- Provide effective skills to those who wish to resist unwelcome pressure.
- Know what is and is not legal.
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The programme is as follows;

Yr 7/8 Human Development – covered by Science Department as part of the Science Curriculum in lesson time, in Yrs 9, 10 and 11 Apause is taught as a discrete subject as follows:

Yr 9 3 Adult led sessions on Human Sexuality
3 Peer led sessions (school 6th form students) covering Risk Appreciation, Pressure on Relationships and Power to be Me.

Yr 10 3 Adult led sessions – Human Sexuality (STIs, Contraception and Relationship and Social Norms and physical responsibilities).

Yr 11 A Questionnaire only – through which the programme is evaluated and monitored. The anonomised results are then individually presented to schools.

The 1993 Education Act provides parents with the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the sex education offered. Those parents who wish to do so should write to the Headmaster.

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Review every 2 years or earlier if required.
Next review due: September 2013