

# New Government Requirements for PSHE in Schools

By the end of the Spring Term this year all schools must publish their school curriculum by subject and academic year, **including their provision of Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)**. This requirement is set out in the DfE's recently published [timeline of mandatory information for schools](#).

Schools working in partnership with Coram Life Education may wish to discuss how best to achieve this with their educator, or refer to our guidance documents.

From discussions with teachers and PSHE coordinators in schools we are aware that there is current uncertainty about the status of PSHE in the new National Curriculum. We thought you might find it useful to have a quick update about this to help clarify the situation and also see how Coram Life Education can support you in meeting the new requirements.

Whilst PSHE education remains a non-statutory subject, section 2.5 of the National Curriculum framework document states that:

***'All schools should make provision for personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE), drawing on good practice.'***

Along with the National Curriculum framework, the DfE also published an informative article titled '[Personal Social Health and Economic \(PSHE\) education](#)' which states that the subject is:

***'An important and necessary part of all pupils' education'***

The guidance goes on to note that:

***'Schools should seek to use PSHE education to build, where appropriate, on the statutory content already outlined in the national curriculum, the basic school curriculum and in statutory guidance on: drug education, financial education, sex and relationship education (SRE) and the importance of physical activity and diet for a healthy lifestyle.'***

Although there is flexibility, statutory duties remain. As section 2.1 of the National Curriculum framework states:

***'Every state-funded school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based and which:***

- ***Promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society***
- ***Prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.'***

Coram Life Education can provide support and advice to your school in order to help you meet both the DfE's and Ofsted's requirements around PSHE. Please contact your educator for more information.

**Coram Life Education Guidance Document:**  
[Programme Overview and Learning Outcomes \(2013\)](#)  
[Ofsted Briefing Paper \(2012\) Coram Life Education](#)