



## **Suggestions for working with us as an external provider (RSHE Guidance Sept 2026)**

*'External organisations can enhance delivery of these subjects, bringing in specialist knowledge and different ways of engaging with young people'* Department of Education 2026. Thank you for choosing to work with It Happens Education (IHE). We want to ensure that our collaboration with your school is aligned and compliant with the most recent guidance. Where schools choose to use external providers like us, there is an expectation that:

- we provide knowledge, skills and confidence
- we have the ability to create a safe and supportive environment
- we facilitate participative and interactive education

We would like to reassure you that IHE has a DSL who is responsible for ensuring the team are DBS checked, registered for the update service and have regular Safeguarding training.

RSHE Guidance effective from September 2026 states that:

**Your RSHE Policy** should include the subject content you plan to deliver in your RSHE curriculum, how and when it will be taught, and who is responsible for teaching it, including any external providers the school will use.

**The RSHE team** should *'always remain responsible for the content and the way in which children are taught. Schools should check that external resources are accurate, age and stage appropriate and unbiased... Schools are responsible for checking the credentials of any visitor or visiting organisation... Schools should ask to see materials in advance, and should seek the views of parents, making sure that all materials can be viewed by parents'* This is why we do detailed slidechecks.

**Your school** should ensure that clear information is provided for parents on the RSHE subject content, teaching materials and external providers, and on the right to request withdrawal from sex education. We can support you with sharing this information with parents.

We would recommend, including It Happens Education and a link to our website [www.ithappens.education](http://www.ithappens.education) in your RSHE Policy and relevant communications with parents so they can find out more about our experienced team should they wish.

We find parents are reassured to know:

- That you have an RSHE Policy they can access
- That this subject is mandatory for all schools – they can find the Guidance [here](#)
- That much of the RSHE content is delivered in school by your in house team
- That RSHE leads use a range of visitors and you choose them very carefully
- How long you have been working with us (if applicable)
- That our content is based on student voice, inclusive of religion/faitth/community and bespoke to your school

Parents also appreciate knowing well in advance:

- Which students are having which sessions with us and when
- That they are invited to an RSHE Parent Presentation/Parent Preview (if applicable)
- That they are invited to complete a consultation survey (if applicable)

And to reassure them that you are more than happy to talk about RSHE with them if they require any further information about this protective & preventative subject.