

Key concept in <i>Understanding Christianity</i>	Theology in relation to RSHE
God	Eternal: Before anything there was God, loving God – the love between the three persons of the Trinity. All are invited into the never-ending love.
Creation	Created: Humans are made in the image of God. Everyone is unique and wonderfully made.
Fall	Frail: All are tempted and make mistakes. We are all frail and vulnerable, we can be selfish and weak.
People of God	Expansive: God is faithful and keeps reaching out. God keeps giving messages to surprising people.
Incarnation	Worthy: God comes and dwells within humanity. We are all worth dwelling within.
Gospel	Included: Jesus shares his love, healing and message. He comes to the lost and the last; he includes them, brings good news and empowers them.
Salvation	Forgiven: We can be re-united in love and bought back to union, with others and with God. If we say sorry and change our ways we can be reconciled.
Kingdom of God	Faithful: We can stay faithful to God and others, continually sharing and building love and unity. Based on truth, repentance and prayerfulness.

Key theology	Physical and mental health education: Learning to love ourselves (Matthew 19:19)
Eternal (God)	There has always been love and always will be. We are invited into understanding ourselves as part of a dynamic of never-ending love.
Created (Creation)	Made in the image of God. We are sacred and therefore worthy of protecting and looking after.
Frail (Fall)	We are all frail (physically and mentally) - that's ok. How can we protect our frailty and look after ourselves? We are continually offered other ways and called into higher honouring of ourselves.
Expansive (People of God)	Even the most unlikely person is capable of good health and self-care and protection of others.
Worthy (Incarnation)	We are worthy of understanding and appreciation. We need to protect ourselves from our own behaviours and those of others that might tell us we are not worthy of love.
Included (Gospel)	Everyone is of worth and is loved and should not be left out. We are part of an all-accepting community.
Forgiven (Salvation)	Forgiving ourselves for our destructive behaviours towards self and others; continually accepting we can start again. Learning to receive grace so we can be at peace with ourselves, to nurture and take care of the gift of ourselves and others.
Faithful (Kingdom of God)	Staying faithful to ourselves, not despairing. Staying faithful to others and helping them even when it is tricky. Seeking out, appreciating and drawing on the faithfulness of others and the communities around us.

Key theology	Relationships education: Learning to love our neighbours (Matt 19:19)
Eternal (God)	Whatever may happen in our relationships, we may fall out or lose people. There is a trustworthy flow of love that can keep us going and give us hope. This love cannot be destroyed by anything.
Created (Creation)	All are made in the image of God so all human interactions should honour the sacredness of the other person. This stands against people being made into objects or being used. We are not 'consumers' of others and we should not seek to make others or ourselves into 'commodities'.
Frail (Fall)	We all fall short and sometimes treat others badly. None of us are perfect. Other people will let us down and reveal their weaknesses too. There may be consequences to our less than perfect behaviour. We are called away from this behaviour into a more holy way of living.
Expansive (People of God)	We need to appreciate that there are many different ways of being a human and appreciate and enjoy that diversity. No one should be left out and we should work towards having an attitude that can have relationships with lots of different people and be enriched by that.
Worthy (Incarnation)	We are of ultimate worth and so we need to ensure we have our eyes opened to make sure we are not harmed. We need to know how to protect ourselves. We also need to ensure that we do not harm or abuse others and continually recognise their ultimate worth too.
Included (Gospel)	We need to know that we are included in a community that won't leave us out and make us feel "less than". We need to ensure we don't bully or stereotype anyone else for any reason and that we won't be a bystander whilst others are bullied or mistreated.
Forgiven (Salvation)	We may do things that are selfish, thoughtless or even wilfully harmful to another person. If we examine our behaviour and see how it has affected the other person and explain how we will change, then the person we have harmed may forgive us. Christians believe if you say sorry to God and try to make amends, God will always forgive you. There is a chance for a way back and for reconciliation in most cases.
Faithful (Kingdom of God)	Faithfulness of love over time - which keeps on enjoying, forgiving, helping and being alongside - is a huge benefit in life. We should work to appreciate it when we experience it and to try to be faithful to others in all our friendships and family relationships. (Sometimes a bond can be broken irreparably or a separation can be necessary for self-protection or to protect other people from our behaviour.)

Key theology	Sex education: Learning to love a partner (Matt 19:19)
Eternal (God)	We will aim to grow in a depth of secure love. We may draw on support from God to keep loving throughout our shared days and beyond.
Created (Creation)	Within intimate one-to-one relationships we will work to cultivate amazement in the wonder of creation that is the other person. There will be a special 'noticing' of the other as bearing God's image. We are privileged to be able to create life and have responsibility for the nurture of new life as parents
Frail (Fall)	We may make mistakes, take a person for granted or develop habits that do not take care of the other person. We may be selfish and choose another person or activity and not think of the needs of our partner.
Expansive (People of God)	We should try not to control or limit the other person. We will allow them to be who they are without manipulation or conditionality. We will challenge ourselves to be expansive in love.
Worthy (Incarnation)	We are unique and worthy of being cherished. We will protect ourselves from habits or carelessness that diminish us or our partner. It is good to say no to intimacy or sex until it is right. We will seek to ensure the other person feels their worth and seek to delight in them and cherish them.
Included (Gospel)	Both people should ensure that the other feels they are especially chosen as their partner. We need to communicate the other's specialness in a way that they can appreciate regularly. We need to ensure we always build up the other person and help them flourish. If children should result from this union then their nurturing and sensitive upbringing must be a priority.
Forgiven (Salvation)	We should acknowledge our flaws and selfishness, be aware of our impact on our partner and be quick to say sorry and make amends. We should work for forgiveness and peace. We should seek to forgive and make up with the other person when they wrong us - unless to do so would harm ourselves or others.
Faithful (Kingdom of God)	We can celebrate the richness of fidelity as a model for lifelong contented journeying with another person. For many this will be expressed through marriage. This means staying faithful to the other person in actions and words and holding them in your thoughts. It means remembering your union and honouring it.