## Setanta School Policy on PERSONAL AND INTERPERSONAL

## SKILLS – incorporating

SPHE (Social, Personal and Health Education) and RSE

(Relationships and Sexuality Education)

## 1. Overview of the Programme

#### 1.1 Introduction:

The SPHE programme addresses the personal, emotional and social development of the students. It includes:

- issues of health
- personal communication
- expression of emotions and feelings
- · safety and protection issues
- relationships
- sexuality
- assertiveness and aggression

This programme is based on the requirements for FETAC, Levels One to Three, Personal and Interpersonal Skills and the NCCA Guidelines for SPHE (Primary and Post-Primary) for students with Mild and Moderate Learning Difficulties. The contents of this programme represent a significant part of the students' learning. The programme addresses areas which are essential in terms of personal development and the development of skills essential for other learning. The subject areas included in this programme permeate into all the other subject areas. Personal and social development for all students, leading to independent living, is the ultimate goal of education in Setanta School. It is hoped to achieve this through:

- development of positive self-esteem
- · establishment of good social and communication skills
- enabling students to express and deal with feelings and emotions
- promoting awareness of safety and personal protection issues
- guidance in forming and maintaining relationships
- providing the basic necessary knowledge on procreation and parenting

 providing information on social issues such as substance use and personal healthcare through adolescence and into adulthood

#### 1.2 Based on a Positive Code of Behaviour:

A positive Code of Behaviour, based on mutual respect, is central to all activities in Setanta School. Students are encouraged and given positive reinforcement for satisfactory behaviour. The structure of this programme can be extended to the home through daily home-school contact using school journals. The development of good social skills, personal habits and attitudes is promoted through the Positive Code of Behaviour in Setanta School. It is hoped that this will result in students developing a good level of social competence necessary for further learning and future work-related activities.

## 1.3 Social Skills:

The development of good social skills is seen as crucial for students with Mild or Moderate Learning Difficulties (ref. NCCA Guidelines). These skills are the foundation for building and maintaining friendships in school and the community. These skills will be explicitly taught, as part of the overall programme, through group activities, modelling and interactive learning experiences in Communication, Sport and Leisure Activities and the Personal and Interpersonal Skills programme. Other social skills will include:

- Assertiveness training
- Decision making
- Distinguishing between assertiveness and aggression
- Recognising and managing aggression
- Self-care and presentation skills
- Dealing with loss/separation
- Engaging in positive behaviour and using good manners
- Development of self-awareness
- Awareness of others (including awareness of diversity)
- Development of a positive self-image
- Appropriate expression of needs/wants
- Ability to function independently as a person

#### 1.4 Personal Care and Health Issues:

Students will be taught about illness and medical intervention. They will also be encouraged to monitor their own health and seek help when they feel it is necessary. The role of doctors and medical personnel will be explored and clarified. Setanta School promotes a healthy lifestyle through:

- Training in basic self-care/hygiene
- Opportunities for sporting activities and physical education
- Programme of nutrition and healthy eating (as part of Food and Cookery lessons)
- Monitoring of students welfare and health-related needs (by school-staff and HSE personnel)

#### 1.5 Relationships and Sexuality:

A stated policy on RSE is applied in Setanta School (see 5. Policy Statement on RSE.) This is a collaborative approach and may involve parents and outside professional input from time to time. The programme is classroom based, but certain students are 'targeted' for extra individual tuition on aspects of RSE through individualised teaching. Special arrangements among teachers may involve team-teaching or shared teaching in order to accommodate expressed difficulties with certain subject matter. Knowledge is given on a 'need to know' basis and as appropriate in terms of age/maturity. A copy of the entire programme is available for parents and professionals on request.

#### 1.6 Substance Use Policy:

Students are made aware of the restrictions related to substance use. A programme of information on the various substances which have both health and legal implications is included in the school programme. Students are reminded of their responsibilities in relation to the use of substances both in school and in the community.

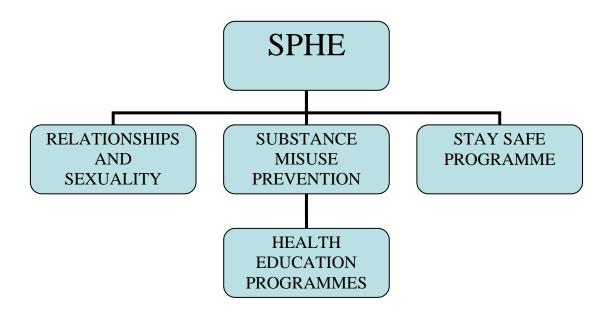
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## 2. Content and Details

#### Introduction

The programme is defined and comprehensive and will be delivered both within the structures of SPHE lessons and incidentally through religious education, communication, sport and other subject areas. Dedicated social-skills sessions and circle-time activities will provide a secure forum for addressing the major issues which require intensive teaching and learning. Healthy and meaningful relationships will be promoted through sport and break-time activities.

The Framework for SPHE is illustrated below:



#### 2.1 Content of the SPHE Programme:

Unit 1. Self-Awareness, including personal identity, rights and responsibilities, personal care routine, safety awareness, cultural identity and diversity, sexuality

and development and understanding of a personal learning plan

Unit 2. Decision-Making, including choice/decisions/consequences, decision-making styles and reflection on the experience of decision-making

Unit 3. Relationships: friendships, love, loyalty.

Unit 4. Assertive Communication, including exploration and understanding of assertive, passive and aggressive behaviour, listening, negotiation, peer-pressure, anger and conflict resolution

**Unit 5. Feelings and Emotions** 

Unit 6. Substance awareness, including personal health, eating habits, useful and harmful substances, personal choice

Unit 7. Self-esteem, influences, hopes and ambitions, positive and negative thoughts, praise and criticism

Unit 8. Growth and Change incorporating physical, emotional, social and spiritual factors which influence growth, privacy, puberty and adolescence,

conception, human development, birth and parenting

### 2.2 Suggested Resources:

Teachers will use 'core' text books as follows:

- Walk Tall Series
- Relationships and Sexuality Education (Infants Senior Cycle Secondary)
- 'On my own two feet' series (Assertiveness, Decision making, Substance use)
- 'Not behind the bike shed' (RSE)
- North Western Health Board publications (for health and personal care especially)
- Stay Safe Programme
- Be Safe Safety Awareness (National Safety Council)
- 'Lift Off'

Teachers will use support material from existing/personal resources, as appropriate, in order to supplement lessons.

# 2.3 Details of Programme

(based on previous programme document and updated 2007, following a review in which draft was circulated, agreed and amended)

Unit 1.

Self-awareness	Content and methodology	Resources	
Personal Identity	Name, place in family, photographs,	Walk Tall,	
	personal profile ('This is me', my own	(all levels-Infants to	
	book, family tree, fill in personal details	6 <sup>th</sup> class have units on	
	on form), place in the world,	Self-identity);	
		Relationships and Sexuality	
		Education (Infants through to	
		senior cycle secondary)	
		Lesson 5, page 27, 'On My	
		Own Two Feet' (unit on	
		Identity and self-esteem)	
Rights and	Reference to School Code of	Setanta Code of Behaviour;	
Responsibilities	Behaviour, difference between	'Lift Off'- human right	
	Rights and Responsibilities,	education in the	
	Circle-time, discussion, role-play.	Primary school;	
		On My Own Two Feet, unit	
		on Assertive Communication	
		(p.12/13 overview) and p.24	
Personal Care –	Basic routine of personal care and	NWHB books for secondary	
Health and	hygiene (body, hair, nails, feet, clothes	level; Walk Tall (choose level	
Hygiene	etc.), teaching individual skills;	according to ability); Junior	
	promotion of good self-image; health	Cycle RSE p.55-66; Not	
	and illness; hygiene awareness; healthy	Behind the Bike Shed, Theme	
	lifestyle; prevention, treatment of	4, Unit 3	
	disease; use of drugs.		
Safety Awareness	Personal safety - 'safe' relationships,	Be Safe;	
	fire, first aid, accident prevention, road	RSE, 3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> . and 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> . class;	
	safety.	RSE Junior Cycle p.200;	

	Road Safety	booklets
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# Unit 1 contd.

Self-	Content and Methodology	Resources	
Awareness			
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Cultural	Through Geography	*Alive-O;	
Identity	and Religion, an understanding	* Geography;	
And	of cultural identity and diversity	NWHB books;	
Diversity	will be fostered	Refer to NCCA	
		Guidelines	
		'Intercultural	
		Education	
		in the Primary	
		School';	
Sexuality	Growing up male/female – understanding puberty and	Unit 6, Not Behind	
	human growth and development; sexual organs;	the Bike Shed;	
	sexual intercourse, pregnancy,	RSE Programme –	
	birth, parenthood, sex and relationships,	progressive from	
	contraception, sexual health,	lower primary up to	
		senior cycle	
Personal	This will be an integral part of planning for learning in	FETAC	
Learning	Setanta School; students will be encouraged to	Communication	
Plan	become actively engaged in planning/managing their	programme;	
	own learning through the collaborative process;	IEP goals	
	students will be taught good learning strategies and		
	practices; as part of vocational preparation, students		
	will be encouraged to express hopes and aspirations		
	for the future and outline their role in this process.		

Unit 2.

<b>Decision Making</b>	Content and Methodology	Resources		
Choices	Recognising choice; everyday choices;	Page 8/9, 'On My		
	Food, games, sport etc.	Own Two Feet'		
		– a good		
		overview of lessons		
		on decision-making		
Decisions and	Values, influences, options, decision	As above +		
Decision Making	making model,	Walk Tall Programme;		
		Theme 2, Unit 2 from		
		'Not Behind the Bike Shed';		
		RSE 1 <sup>st</sup> . & 2 <sup>nd</sup> . class p.181		
		RSE 5 <sup>th</sup> . & 6 <sup>th</sup> . class p.113&221		
Consequences	Consequences for	As above+		
	positive/negative decisions; specific	Walk Tall; School Code of		
	consequences for drugs, violence and	Behaviour;		
	other anti-social behaviour; behaviour	RSE 1st. & 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Class p.87;		
	and consequences/sanctions; anger	On my own two feet,		
	management skills	Unit on Feelings, p. 58.		

Unit 3.

Relationships	Content and Methodology	Resources	
Friendship	My Friends, Being Friends,	RSE Junior Cycle, p156-161;	
	Sometimes friends fight,	RSE 1 <sup>st</sup> .& 2 <sup>nd</sup> . class p.23, p.113	
	qualities	RSE 3 <sup>rd</sup> . & 4 <sup>th</sup> . class p.27;	
	of friendships, loyalty	On my own two feet, Lesson 3	
		From Understanding Influences	
		Book; 'Not Behind the Bike Shed'	
		Theme 9, Unit 5.	
Love	Love and Romance,	Unit 6, Theme 11 'Not Behind The	
	Love and Commitment,	Bike Shed'; RSE, Senior Cycle, p.119.,	
	'Love is'	Developing Myself and Others, NWHB	
		p.201.	

Unit 4

Assertive	Content and Methodology	Resources		
Communication				
Assertive,	Recognising, understanding	Developing Myself and		
Passive and	and categorising	Others, NWHB, Pre-Leaving		
Aggressive	behaviour under assertive,	Cert classes (red book) p.7/8		
Behaviour	aggressive and passive;	& 83-98; RSE, Senior Cycle,		
	Who influences me,	p.21; Bullying –		
	acting on impulse, making	identify, cope, prevent Prim Ed(very		
	choices, assertiveness,	comprehensive book on		
	bullying, making requests,	Bullying); On my own two feet,		
	asking for help, accepting	Book on Assertive Communication		
	and giving criticism, saying			
	'no';			
Listening	This will be covered in	Circle-time activities (CD-Rom);		
	Communication programme;	Listening comprehension exercises;		
	NWHB books;	Walk Tall 4;		
	Circle Time;			
Negotiation	Conflict resolution, giving	'On my own two feet' book on		
	and taking advice	Assertive Communication, p.110		

Unit 5

Feelings and	Content and Methodology	Resources	
Emotions			
Feelings and	Recognising, labelling and understanding	Full unit on 'Feelings' in	
Emotions	feelings and emotions; what triggers feelings	On my own two feet;	
	and emotions; positive and negative feelings;	Walk Tall 3, p. 63;	
	expressing feelings and emotions; self-esteem;	Walk Tall 4, p.69;	
	how would you feel? Anger and anger	RSE 1 <sup>st</sup> &2 <sup>nd</sup> class p.49	
	management	And p.141;	
		RSE 3 <sup>rd</sup> . &4 <sup>th</sup> . Class,	
		p.57 and p.155;	
		RSE Junior Cycle,	
		p.37 and 47;	
		RSE Senior Cycle, p. 135	
		To 146; NWHB books;	
		Not behind the bike shed,	
		Unit 2, Theme 1;	
		Assertive communication.	
		Book from 'On my	
		own two feet', page 110;	

Unit 6.

Substance	Content and Methodology	Resources		
Awareness				
Useful/Harmful	Recognising the value of drugs	Walk Tall		
Substances	in healthcare; doctors and medication;	Series		
	safety issues (storage, dosage, not taking	at appropriate		
	other people's medication etc.); 'all	level; NWHB		
	medicines are drugs, but not all drugs	books; booklets		
	are medication';	from Dept. of Health		
	smoking, alcohol, substances, drugs,	on individual issues;		
	'making choices', connection between			
	substance abuse/drug misuse and social			
	issues, legal issues related to			
	substances/drugs/alcohol/smoking			
A Healthy Body	Basic needs for health; food and nutrition;	NWHB books (at		
	rest; exercise; disease prevention; health and	appropriate level);		
	environmental issues.			
Food and Eating	Identification, classification and labelling	*These elements will be		
Habits	of food; the food pyramid; nutritional value of	included in Food and		
	food;	Cookery classes		
'Health is a	Relationship of health to personal habits;	NWHB Books;		
personal	what we can do to promote a healthy body;	HSE Resources		
Choice'	hygiene and health (infection, personal			
	hygiene routine etc.); 'To exercise or not'.			

Unit 7.

Self-Esteem	Content and methodology	Resources	
Influences	What is self-esteem? what affects self-esteem?	NWHB books;	
	how can I improve my self-esteem? do I compare	'Self-Esteem' –	
	myself with others? how do I describe myself? am	Skills to build self-worth,	
	I easily hurt by things which other people say?	Prim Ed.	
	am I afraid to try new challenges? Can I list my		
	own skills and abilities? do I have friends?		
Hopes	My Learning Plan; understanding how/why we	Module from	
and	learn; what helps me to learn; goals and ambitions	Communications	
Ambitions	(short-term/long-term); identifying possibilities	programme	
	for my future;		
Positive	Attitude to others; identification of positive and	Setanta School Code of	
and	negative thoughts/statements; good manners;	Positive Behaviour;	
Negative	Understanding and forgiveness; asking for help	'Self-Esteem' Prim Ed;	
Thoughts	or items from others; teasing and bullying;	Walk Tall programme;	
and	expression of personal opinions, taking	Communication	
Influences	responsibility; showing positive interest in others.	programme for Setanta.	
Praise and	Giving and accepting praise; giving and accepting	This part of the	
Criticism	criticism; recognition of criticism as a necessary	programme will be	
	tool of appraisal; making changes as a result of	delivered, mainly through	
	criticism.	social skills and	
		communication.	

Unit 8.

Growth and	Content and Methodology	Resources
Change		
'As I grow	Milestones in growth (first steps, learned to	RSE Programme
I change'	ride a bicycle, first days in school etc.);increasing height;	for Primary
	physical changes at puberty; difficulties associated with	and Second
	puberty; becoming a man/woman; physical attraction to	level;
	others; sexual organs; privacy issues; finding information;	'Not Behind
		the Bike Shed'
Sexual	Outlining the various contexts in which sexual activity	
activity	occurs; the nature of sexual activity;	
	what is acceptable/unacceptable; respect and moral values;	
		66
'Female	Menstruation/periods - management; stages of the	
Cycle'	female cycle;	46
Sexual	STDs – Awareness, Protection and Prevention methods;	
Health		66

# 3. Classroom Planning and Teaching Strategies

#### 3.1 Classroom Planning:

An atmosphere of security and co-operation will facilitate students to contribute both individually and as part of a group. Ground-rules are established so that students are not permitted to make personal statements about each other during classroom teaching sessions. Circle-time facilitates full participation of students in discussion and group forums without fear of ridicule or judgement. Opportunities to practice social skills will be facilitated through regular classroom activities and social interaction. Accepting responsibility and organisational skills will be constantly encouraged. Acceptance of individuality will be promoted along with tolerance of abilities and diversity of opinions. Promoting independence through responsibility for personal organisation will feature prominently across all classroom activities.

#### 3.2 Teaching Strategies/Methodology:

A combination of teaching methods will be employed with this programme, dependant on the subject matter. Some topics require a one-on-one or small group approach, while much of the programme will be delivered within whole-class group structures. Activities such as 'circle time' will provide a secure forum for discussion with defined ground rules regarding personalised comment or judgement. Parents will be consulted and informed regarding sensitive issues as appropriate, in accordance with the stated policy on RSE. Each class-teacher will take responsibility for RSE education for all students in his/her class, within a supportive and secure structure. Outside professionals may occasionally become involved in teaching targeted areas of the programme (e.g drug misuse, child abuse etc.)

Suggestions for teaching strategies are included in the NCCA Guidelines for MLD (Primary and Post-Primary)

Collaboration with support services, such as HSE personnel, will be a feature of the approach to SPHE. This will facilitate up-to-date information on health-related issues. Students will be instructed on accessing health-services and other sources of information and support as appropriate.

The use of ICT, such as short video-clips and films which feature issues of relevance to the SPHE programme, will add an alternative and supportive perspective to teaching methodologies. Reference to age-appropriate issues which appear on the media will sometimes form a basis for exploration and discussio

## 4. Policy Statement on Relationships and Sexuality,

## Setanta School, 2009

# \* refer to existing policy statement

### 4.1 The Statement – an overview:

The RSE programme has been planned to take account of students' age, maturity, physical, social and emotional development. Information will be introduced in a structured way while taking account of individual students' level of prior knowledge. Parents will be consulted regarding sensitive issues. A copy of the programme will be available to all members of the school community (including parents) on request. Class-teachers will take prime responsibility for each student's tuition in RSE. Lessons will be presented in a safe, secure environment with defined ground-rules which protect individuals' dignity, respect and privacy. Outside professionals may become involved in certain aspects of the course. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from aspects of the RSE programme. Individual teachers will advise parents about their children's particular programmes. Materials used in this programme will be carefully selected and listed. Videos containing sexually explicit material will not be used. Issues of child protection and sexual abuse are covered under the child - protection policy. If a staff-member considers that a child is at risk from sexual abuse, the principal will be informed and procedure as outlined in the child-protection policy will be adhered to. There will be regular review of this policy through observation and feed-back from students, parents and teachers.

## 4.2 Aims of the RSE Programme:

- To present a comprehensive programme of instruction in Relationships and Sexuality Education which meets the individual needs of students
- To build on prior knowledge of each individual student
- To present information that is appropriate to the individual students' maturity level and stages of personal development
- To address issues of personal development and growth
- To uphold the highest moral standards in keeping with the overall ethos of the school
- To enable students to engage in successful and meaningful relationships in school, home, community and social settings
- To respect individuals' rights, views and opinions
- To ensure and promote confidentiality in dealing with sensitive personal and social issues
- To highlight issues of personal safety

# **Contents of Programme**

# **Description and Overview of Programme document:**

This document outlines the detailed content of the SPHE/RSE Programme along with facilitating assessment and documentation of work covered in a progressive way. Through use of the tick-lists, teachers will be aware of the work already covered. This will inform further planning for individuals and groups. Each student will have a copy of this tick-list in his/her individual folder and it will serve as a record of work/progress.

The programme also satisfies the requirements for the FETAC Level 3 Personal and Interpersonal Skills

Teachers will date each entry and may use abbreviations as follows: S = Satisfactory; N.I. = Needs Input

Teachers Names:	
Year 1:	
Year 2:	
Year 3:	
Year 4:	
Year 5:	

Note: Additional notes may be added by enclosing an extra sheet between sections

## **Student:**

Student:					
Unit 1. SELF AWARENESS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
1.1 Compile a Personal Profile					
a. Design a simple personal profile					
b. Name and identify body parts					
c. Can explain the different functions of the body					
d. Recognises the existence of two sexes					
e. Demonstrate awareness of own sexuality					
f. Show awareness of personal presentation					
g. Maintain a personal hygiene routine					
h. Identify personal clothing and shoe size					
i. Demonstrate awareness of a healthy lifestyle					
j. Demonstrate an awareness of personal safety issues					
k. Recognise danger in the immediate environment (school, home)					
1. Access and contact emergency services					
m. Show an awareness of other people's safety					
n. List personal likes and dislikes					
o. List own skills					
p. Draw a simple family tree					
q. Illustrate self in circle of friendship -self in centre, immediate family next, extended family, friends, neighbours, acquaintances					
r. Recognise and name positive values- friendly, helpful, kind etc.					
s. Recognise and name negative values dishonest, unkind, greedy etc.					
t. Summarise personal achievements					

u. Recognise the achievement of others,					
,					
1.2 Compile a Personal Learning Plan	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
a. Collaborate with teaching team to draft a personal learning plan					
b. Establish a realistic time-frame					
c. Record resources needed					
d. Evaluate and self-reflect on plan					
1.3 Distinguish between personal Rights and					
Responsibilities					
a. List personal rights					
b. List personal responsibilities					
c. Outline the difference between rights and responsibilities (family-life, social, community)					
1.4 Recognise the Main Social and Cultural Factors					
which can influence Identity					
a. Express personal identity					
b. Recognise diversity (race, nationality,					
ethnicity, religion, age, gender etc.)					
c. List some external factors which can influence identity e.g. family values, gender values etc.					

Notes:			

2.1 Illustrate that Decisions are a  Normal Part of Everyday Life a. Understand the concept of choice b. Recognise decision making as necessary to life c. Realise and identify consequences of decisions d. Follow decision-making procedure e. Identify decisions which result in negative consequences f. Identify decisions which result in positive consequences g. Make informed decisions in various social settings h. List two decisions taken in the past 24hours i. List two decisions taken in the past year k. Recognise the importance of decision-making in a global context 2.2 Identify a range of decision-making styles a. Describe at least four decision-making styles (avoidance, self-protection, impulsivity); outline case-studies to illustrate each style, stating advantages and disadvantages 2.3 Reflect on the experience gained from personal decisions taken a. Write an outline of a personal decision with others, particular approach and outcome b. Outline learning/insight gained from	Unit 2 DECISION MAKING	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
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Personal	and Interpersonal Skills co	ntd.

Unit 3	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year
*RELATIONSHIPS	1	2	3	4	5
*This section is not required for FETAC					
Personal and Interpersonal Skills in					
its present form					
a. Explain the difference between					
acquaintance/friendship/partner/marriage				_	
b. Recognise other people's ideas and feelings					
c. Accept affection and love where					
appropriate					
d. Distinguish between known and unknown					
people when meeting them					
e. Instigate and Maintain a relationship.					
f. Recognise/accept that a relationship					
should be ended					
g. Recognise and respect others' opinions					
h. Recognise and respect others' feelings					
I Recognises own talents and limitations					
j.Accept disappointment in a relationship					
k. Take responsibility for own contribution					
to a relationship (honesty, openness etc.)					
1. Identify and outline diversity in others					
m. Explain possible reasons for others'					
behaviour					
n. Understand and demonstrate an					
understanding of loyalty					
o. Understand and demonstrate an					
understanding of confidentiality					
p. Recognise Peer Pressure					
q. Exert positive influence on others					
r.Recognise negative influences of others					

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<b>Personal</b>	and Interpersonal Skills	contd.

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(SLO; the student can)	1	2	3	4	5
Unit 4 ASSERTIVE					
COMMUNICATION					
4.1 Explore the nature of Passive					
Behaviour					
a. Recognise and record some verbal and					
non-verbal characteristics of passive					
behaviour					
b. Give two examples of passive behaviour					
drawn from real-life or fictional situations					
(role-play, comic-strip, written account)					
c. Describe and evaluate the behaviour in					
each case above					
4.2 Explore the nature of Aggressive					
Behaviour					
a. Recognise and record some verbal and					
non-verbal characteristics of aggressive					
behaviour					
b. Give two examples of aggressive					
behaviour drawn from real-life or					
fictional situations					
c. Describe the behaviour in each case					
4.3 Explore the nature of Assertive					
Behaviour					
a. Recognise and record some verbal and					
non-verbal characteristics of assertive					
behaviour					
b. Give two examples of assertive behaviour					
drawn from real-life or fictional situations					
c. Describe the behaviour in each case					
4.4 Demonstrate the effectiveness of					
Aggressive, Passive and Assertive behaviour					
a. Model passive, aggressive and assertive					
behaviour in a structured situation e.g role					
play					
b. List the implications of these different				1	
behaviours for the person displaying					
them					

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Unit 4; 4.4 contd.					
c. List the implications of these different					
behaviours for the person receiving them					
d. Evaluate the effectiveness of each type of					
behaviour in achieving the desired outcomes					
4.5 Outline the characteristics of effectiveness					
listening					
a. List the basic components of effective					
listening (making eye contact, concentrate,					
show interest)					
b. Suggest possible barriers to effective					
listening (noise level, poor eye-contact,					
lack of interest/respect)					
c. Express an awareness of sounds and their					
effects in the immediate environment					
d. Express an awareness of the effects of					
sound on our personal demeanour e.g					
music in the supermarket					
e. Express awareness of the effect of silence					
as a means of communication e.g a					
minute's silence					
f. Understand and outline the relationship					
between the volume and tone of voice					
and the message being transmitted					
g. Show an ability to distinguish between					
passive and active listening					
h. Give examples of situations where					
effective listening is important					
i. Describe a personal experience of					
listening					
j. Describe a personal experience of being					
listened to					
k. Outline the importance of listening as a					
means of showing personal respect					
1. Describe the effects of active listening on					
the giver and the receiver of messages					

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Personal	and	Interpersonal	Skills	contd

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Unit 4 contd.					
4.6 Identify the key stage involved in					
the					
negotiation process					
a. Identify a range of conflict situations					
drawn from real life or fiction					
b. Describe and analyse the specific					
behaviour causing one of the conflicts					
e. Discuss how conflict can arise with					
different people and in different					
situations					
f. Explore and practice how to handle					
conflict without being aggressive					
g. Outline the steps towards a resolution					
of a					
given conflict					
h. Identify and discuss various responses					
or					
approaches to conflict situations					
i. Evaluate the impact of the resolution on					
those involved in the conflict					
Unit 5. FEELINGS and					
EMOTIONS					
5.1 Appreciate the uniqueness and					
dignity					
Self and Others					
a. Identify and name (label) feelings					
b. List feelings with corresponding					
antecedent (what causes such feelings)					
c. Express a variety of personal feelings					
as					
appropriate					
d. Associate feelings with facial					
expressions					
a Identify and distinguish between as 1	1				
e. Identify and distinguish between needs					
and wants and recognise the limitations					
of instant gratification					
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f. Recognise other people's feelings					

g. Respect other people's feelings			
5.2 Explore and understand Feelings associated with Relationships in our			
lives			
a. Understand and accept feelings as a			
consequence of own or other's actions			
b. Deal effectively with feelings of anger			
c. Understand that love is reserved for			
very special relationships			
d. Understand that anger is a consequence			
of displeasure at own or other's actions			
e. Recognises and respect the feelings of			
the other person in a two-way			
relationship			
f. Recognises and understands the feelings			
associated with family events (birth,			
separation, illness, death etc.)			
<b>5.3</b> Positive and Negative Feelingse.			
Recognises and respect the feelings of			
the other person in a two-way			
relationship			
a. Can identify a feeling as positive or			
negative depending on circumstances			
b. Can control expression of anger			
c. Understand the limitations of physical			
expression of feelings of anger in			
public			
d. Understand the limitations of physical			
expression of feelings of love in public			
e. Can discuss different types of love as			
portrayed in the media			
f. Can identify and recognise fear as a			
consequence of certain action/actions			
g. Can deal with feelings of fear relating			
to failure in life			
h. Can choose an appropriate response to			
fear			
i. Can choose an appropriate response to			
anger			
j. Can accept and give affection and love			
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Unit 6 Substance Awareness					
6.1 Personal Health					
a. Recognise and examine behaviour which					
is harmful to health					
b. Recognise and examine behaviour which is conducive to health					
c. Realise that there is a personal and					
communal responsibility for the health					
and well-being of himself/herself and					
others					
d. Identify and discuss the roles of various					
people who are concerned with the health					
of others					
e. Recognise the direct relationship					
between health and eating-habits					
f. Recognise the direct relationship between					
health and an active lifestyle					
g. Recognise the direct relationship between					
health and substance misuse					
h. Know and understand the meaning of the					
word 'drug' and when it is appropriate or					
inappropriate to take drugs					
i. Identify and categorise a variety of					
substances that are taken into or on to the					
body into those that are helpful or harmful,					
legal or illegal					
j. Distinguish between legal and illegal					
substances					
k. Identify those that are most commonly					
used and examine and understand the					
effects that they have					
l. Discuss some of the reasons why people					
smoke, drink alcohol, misuse any kind of					
substance or take drugs that have no					
medical use					
m. Explore and recognise the role of					
personal choice, risk-factors and the					
influence of others when choosing to use					
non-prescribed substances					

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Unit 7 SELF ESTEEM					
7.1 Developing a Personal Identity					
a. Introduce themselves (I'm from)					
b. Complete personal details regarding physical attributes					
c. Identify people who influence their life					
d. Express hopes/dreams for the future					
e. Identify at least three positive personal attributes					
f. Accept personal limitations					
g. Accept own role in relation to gender					
h. Accept personal uniqueness					
i. Accept personal diversity					
7.2 What Influences Self-Esteem					
a. Can recognise positive thoughts about					
self and others					
b. Can recognise negative thoughts about self and others					
c. Can accept praise or criticism					
appropriately					
d. Objectively evaluate own performance					
Unit 8. GROWTH and CHANGE					
8.1 As I Grow I Change					
a. Recognise that growing and changing are continuous throughout life					
b. Realise that growth takes place in many					
different ways and is unique to each					
individual					
c. Recognise the physical, emotional, social					
and spiritual factors that promote growth					
d. Identify and discuss the changes that are					
experienced from childhood to adulthood					
e. Appreciate and respect the individual					
space and privacy as he/she is growing and developing					
f. Realise that growing up brings increased					

Student:					
Personal and Interpersonal Skills contd.					
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Unit 8 contd.					
8.2 The Miracle of Life					
a. Express awareness of birth and new-					
life					
in the world					
b. Express an awareness and					
understanding					
of the entire life-cycle from birth to					
death					
c. Understand sexual intercourse, conception and birth within the					
context of					
a committed loving relationship					
d. Discuss the stages and sequence of					
development of the human baby from					
conception to birth					
e. Discuss and explore the					
responsibilities involved in being a					
parent and the emotional and					
physical maturity required to be a					
parent					
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