

Ground rules for our PSHE lessons

Respect privacy

We can discuss examples, but don't use names or descriptions that identify anyone, including ourselves. We never put anyone 'on the spot'.

Listen to others

It's okay to challenge a view or disagree, but we listen properly before making assumptions or deciding how to respond. Everyone has the right to feel listened to.

No judgment

We can explore beliefs and misunderstandings about a topic without fear of being judged.



Right to pass



Every student has the right to choose not to answer a question or join in the discussion if a topic makes them uncomfortable.

What makes you embarrassed?



Can you think of a situation or example?

How do you respond to embarrassment?



Think about the physical effects.

Why might body changes make us feel embarrassed?



What is puberty?

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Puberty is the time when your body changes from being a child to a young adult.

Your body is preparing itself to be able to reproduce (have a baby).

How do you feel about growing up?

This is far from your reality now, but it helps you understand what is happening to your body.



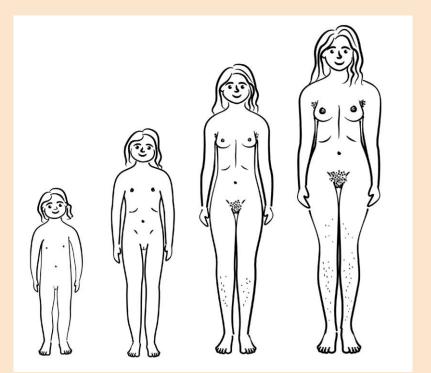
egg sanitary pads/towels womb/uterus
tampons ovary/ovaries vagina
puberty menstruation/periods reproduction
vulva

Which of these words have you heard of before?

What do they mean?

Recap - body changes

Write down the changes between the bodies before and after puberty, including any others you know about.





Female Body changes

breasts grow

grows taller

pubic and body hair grows

body produces more sweat and oil

spots may develop

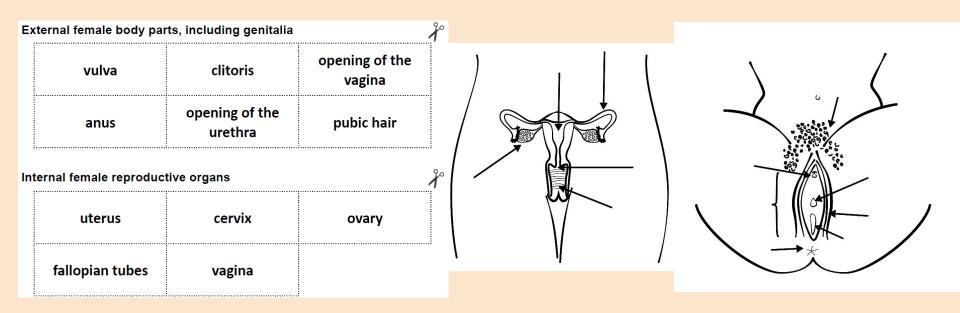
waist and hips change shape

periods start

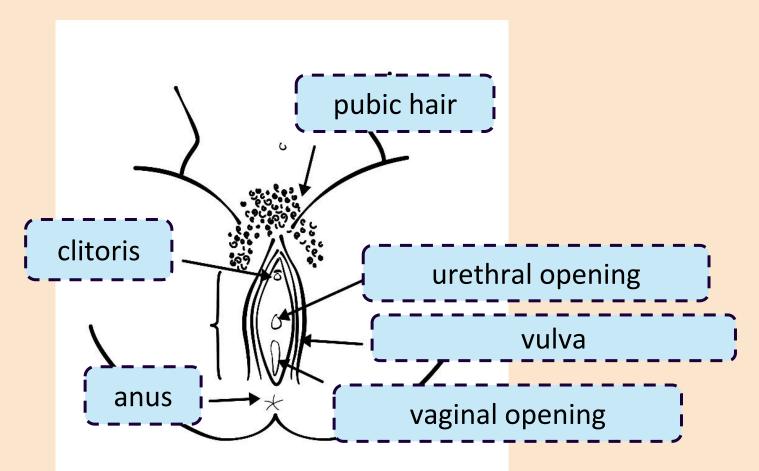
voice gets deeper

Female genitalia and reproductive organs

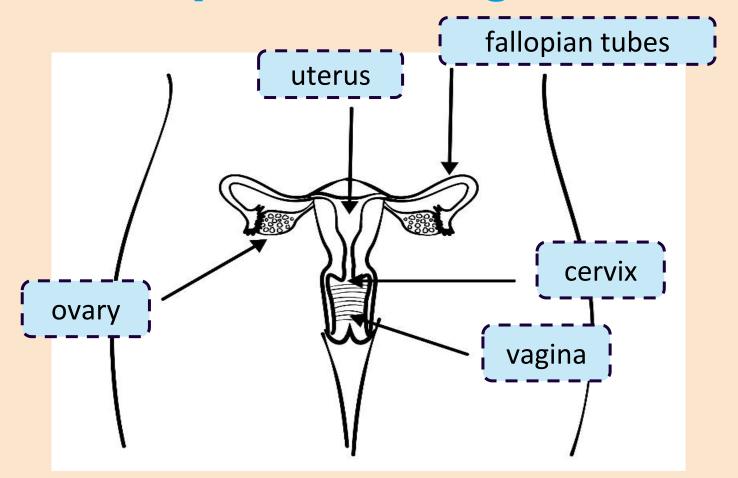
Match the labels to the correct part of the pictures.



Female genitalia



Female reproductive organs



Kelly's diary



- What does Kelly mean when she says, "I had started my period"?
- How might Kelly have known it was her period?

Female body parts and the Menstrual cycle



- What happens during the menstrual cycle?
- Why do periods happen?

The main points:

- ★ The female body has to get ready to have a baby.
- ★ The baby grows in the uterus.
- ★ When a girl's body is ready to have a baby, she starts to menstruate.
- ★ If the egg is not fertilized by a sperm, it is flushed out with the lining of the womb. This is known as a period.
- ★ This is a normal part of growing up.

When will my period start?

Usually between 10-16 years old

Your breasts and pubic hair will begin to develop

REMEMBER – every girl is different!



As your breasts grow you may start to wear a training bra - talk to your parents about this. Some of you will already be wearing these and some women choose not to wear bras. Remember, we are all different.

Most girls lose about 30ml of blood when they have a period.



The items in the images help absorb the blood:









How do you think you should respond if you see a girl with items like these?



Talk to your teacher(s).
We will have sanitary products
available and can help you
manage this.

There are plenty of opportunities to get changed, shower and dispose of pads safely and privately.

Signposting support

If you have any questions or worries about menstruation, it is important to speak to a trusted adult – a parent/carer or teacher at school.

Remember that you can post anonymous questions in our question box as well.



It is never a good idea to go looking for answers online as this can often cause confusion and worry.

We are hear to listen and support.

- → Next week, boys will learn about the changes that girls go through during puberty so that they are sensitive to these changes
- → You will learn about puberty in boys next week.

- If we have any further questions, what can we do to find an answer?
- Who should we ask?
- Where should we look why?



Why do boys need to know?

