



Dear Parent/Carer

During the summer term, children in all year groups take part in our "Relationships and Sex" programme of study.

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) is part of our PSHE programme and begins with learning about friendships and being able to name body parts in Key Stage One, to providing knowledge and understanding of how the human body changes during puberty in year 5, followed by the teaching of the processes of human reproduction, within the context of relationships based on love and respect in Year 6. Our RSE programme also develops understanding and attitudes which will help pupils to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner.

All teaching materials are appropriate to the age and emotional maturity of the pupils concerned and the teachers will aim to present the programme in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner.

The programme of study for all year groups is attached and is also available on our website.

In addition to this, children will also be taking part in a lesson based on the NSPCC 'Talk pants and stay safe' initiative. During this lesson, children will learn the names of body parts, know which parts should remain private, learn the difference between appropriate and inappropriate touch and think about who they can talk to if they do not feel safe. If you wish to talk about this with your child at home, the resources we are using can be found at www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule

Parents can withdraw their children from all or part of Relationships and Sex education that does not form part of the statutory National Curriculum.

If you wish to discuss the withdrawal of your child from all or part of the school's sex education programme would you please contact school before the programme starts, otherwise your child will be involved in all PSHE lessons.

Teaching staff will begin the programme during Summer term 1 (week beginning 23.4.19). Year 5 and 6 will begin the programme during Summer 2 term.

Yours sincerely

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