



Dear Parents,

From April 2021 all primary schools will be required to have **Relationships Education** in place and a **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy**.

As a maintained school we have an obligation to teach children from Year 1 to Year 6 about aspects of RSE and we feel it is important that as a school we are clear about what that entails. The mention of the words, 'Sex education' can create unnecessary anxiety for parents and carers and we want to reassure you that the focus of much RSE in primary school is broader than you might think, focussing more so on the Relationships rather than the Sex aspect.

We have adopted the JIGSAW scheme of work this year in order fulfil this statutory requirement. The JIGSAW scheme covers issues such as Building self-esteem, Recognising feelings and emotions, Healthy friendships, Differences and similarities between girls and boys and challenging stereotypes, Rights & Responsibilities and Growing and changing.

Throughout the year we cover different aspects of the JIGSAW curriculum through six broad topics- Being me in my World, Celebrating Difference (autumn term) Dreams & Goals, Healthy Me (spring term) Relationships and Changing Me (summer term) A focus on Relationships is covered within each topic, with the 'Changing Me' topic covering most of the Sex Education aspects.

As a parent or carer, you do have the right to request your child is removed from parts of the sex education programme, but we feel confident that the content is both relevant and appropriate for our age group. It is important to clarify that withdrawal of your child would only be considered **only for content that is not part of the statutory science curriculum**.

To help you understand what will be taught from September 2020 a concise overview of content by year group has been attached to this email and a RSE guide for parents. In addition to this, we would like to take this opportunity to consult with parents to gain their views on the proposed policy. Please click on the following link, for the consultation survey: <https://forms.gle/ckZSWzPL4748CFF29> . This link will close on Friday 12 February.

Yours sincerely

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