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Dear Parents/ Carers

The teaching of Sex and Relationship education (SRE) will be taught during the year using an integrated and consistent approach, as it is an important aspect of pupil's education. Due to the current pandemic, we are making it a priority to teach the SRE units during the final Summer Term as it is now a statutory requirement. Sex and Relationships education includes supporting young people in developing self-confidence and preparing for the physical and emotional changes into adulthood. We believe that the teaching of SRE is shared with parents and should be mutually supportive and complementary. It is taught within a values framework, mainly through the Jigsaw PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) Programme but also through the teaching of Science.

Relationship Education and Health Education is now a statutory part of the National Curriculum and so all children must attend all sessions however, parents do have the right to withdraw their child/ren from the lessons related to Sex Education. The teaching of these sensitive topics will be age appropriate and we ask that parents refer to our Relationship and Health Education Policy, 2020 (attached).

Nowadays there is a vast amount of, sometimes confusing, information about relationships and sex on the internet, on TV, in magazines, etc. which young people may have access to, and this can sometimes make an already confusing time seem even more complicated!

If young people can start their transition into adulthood with good information and the confidence and knowledge to understand what is happening to them, they will hopefully grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices. This can start with learning the basics about growing up and the sessions in school may reinforce what you are already doing at home.

Human reproduction, sexual health, relationships and puberty education are important issues which concern us all. The sessions will include work about various body parts and what puberty and reproduction is. As with all areas of the curriculum teachers aim to answer children's questions in a frank and honest manner and are best placed to decide at what level any discussion should be aimed for the class as a whole, small groups or the individual children.

Please see the attached overview of teaching for all year groups.

Feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any concerns or queries.

Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from some parts of the Sex and Relationships education, but not statutory science lessons. If you would like to discuss any of the contents of this letter, please feel free to talk to the class teacher or myself.

**Please complete the Microsoft Form link attached before Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April if your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=WnSRoNi3ek2yphNZBT1FEEKcA9sLTV5lnBqnsqLGp-hUMkFRRkFKMk5KMDY5VTVYNUNTUTBXM1VZSS4u>

Yours faithfully

The KS2 Team

