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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the statutory teaching of RSE (relationship and sex education) within the Personal, Social and Health Education programme will be taught in Year 1 to Year 6 next half-term.

RSE is a powerful tool to safeguard children and young people. It promotes self-worth and gives children and young people the knowledge and understanding to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing.

The Ofsted (2019) framework states that 'Primary-age children must be taught about positive relationships and respect for others, and how these are linked to promoting good mental health and well-being'. Our RSE curriculum adopts a holistic approach that promotes positive health and wellbeing, encompassing the vision of schools in our trust.

Should you wish to find out more about the RSE lessons taking place next half term; information, including overviews of lesson content, are published on the school website - Click on the 'Curriculum' tab and scroll down to 'PSHE including RSE'.

Lessons are age appropriate, delivered sensitively, and aim to promote acceptance and end discrimination in accordance with the Equality Act 2010. Class teachers will adapt and personalise the materials to reflect our school community and match the needs of our children.

Parents right to withdraw

Those parents/carers wishing to exercise the right to withdraw their child can do so from sex education lessons in RSE. However, it is required that all children attend relationships and health education lessons and science lessons. The lesson of sex education that parents can withdraw from is 'How a baby is made.' (Year 6, lesson 3 on the school's website). All other lessons are statutory and therefore compulsory.

Should you have any queries regarding the RSE curriculum, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Jen Holden
Head of School

