

Dear Parent / Carer,

From September 2020, all primary schools are required to teach Relationships and Health Education. We published our policy and long term plan on our school website for you to look at, along with an example of some resources from “1 decision,” the programme we have purchased to use in all classes.

We have ensured that our new PSHE, Relationships and Health Education program encompasses our school vision through which “we are dedicated in providing a happy and caring community where everyone feels safe, valued and equal.” Relationships and Health Education are the building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, including on and off-line. It gives our children and young people the essential skills to build positive, enjoyable and non-exploitative relationships. As a school, we have decided that we will be teaching some aspects of sex education, such as naming body parts and safe touch. By doing this, we will be helping our children to have the correct vocabulary to be able to keep themselves safe and free from harm and abuse. This would give them the confidence to report abuse if they needed to. We will not be teaching conception, however pupils in Year’s 5 and 6 are taught about puberty and how their body changes.

We had planned to consult with parents, about what you would like to include and omit from the curriculum, in March 2020. However, this was not possible due to the school closures. We are still very keen to showcase some of our resources and hear your views. We have created an online survey and invite you to take part as we recognise the important role you play in educating children in this sensitive area. Here is a link to the online survey, for you to complete.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Uv_fRWSDc02_Oo-YvfENh1w42o0vgLJLsm87ge8WI2NUMVVIRjFBVTM4SziVUFo1NIIdPSTZJV1FFTS4u

Please message me on Class Dojo if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely

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(PSHE, Relationships and Health Education Coordinator).