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Dear Parents/Carers,

With the support of staff, parents and governors, our school has reviewed the provision for educating children about Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) in order to link to the current National Curriculum expectations. The teaching of SRE is a legal requirement for all schools.

We believe that effective Sex and Relationship Education is essential if young people are to make responsible and well-informed decisions about their lives. It is intended to help young people to learn to respect themselves and others and be able to move with confidence from childhood through adolescence into adulthood.

In the summer term we plan to incorporate a new SRE programme into the existing Personal Social and Health Education provision (PSHE). This curriculum will be taught throughout the school, in an age- appropriate and structured manner. The scheme will cover staying safe, relationships, puberty and other developmental topics as outlined in the National Curriculum. Please see the attached policy for further details for the topics covered in each year group. Wherever possible, a health professional will support the teaching of the programme in Year 5 and 6 to explore the personal developmental topics covered in these year groups.

Although the teaching of SRE is a legal requirement for all schools, parents reserve the right to withdraw their child /children from all or part of the learning. If you choose to withdraw your child, please note that their teachers cannot prevent your child hearing about the learning from their peers that may lead to misconceptions. I am sure you agree that this is a very important area of education for our children and having a greater understanding will help them make better choices for their future, in particular, how to stay safe. However, please note that some aspects of this curriculum are taught through science. Any information that is detailed in the science part of the curriculum, is statutory and all children will be present for these lessons.

Please take time to read the attached policy and check that you understand what will be taught in each year group. Please use the comment sheet at the bottom of this letter to provide your views on the policy and I will contact you with regard to your queries. If there are a number of questions regarding the policy, we will hold a drop in session, so that we can address any of your concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Peters (Headteacher) and Mrs Poynton (SENCo and PHSE coordinator)

Name and contact number:

Comment:

I would like a parental drop in session to discuss the policy further.