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Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As you may be aware the guidance about the teaching of education in Relationships, Sex and Health Education is now statutory for schools. We believe that the children in our school are growing up in an increasingly complex world, which presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. Therefore, it is essential that we teach children about healthy relationships, puberty, human reproduction and emotional well-being around these issues at the appropriate age and time.

We understand that parents and carers are the main educators for children on many of these matters. With this in mind, we would like to invite you to view the information attached to this e-mail.

We will then be available on a Zoom meeting, where you can ask further questions about the importance of educating children in this area, and how the school will approach this.

Wednesday 9th December 2020

2:00pm

6:00pm

The links to the Zoom meetings will be sent out on Monday 7th December 2020.

The school has included the content of the new Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum for the last 3 years and will not be changing its approach. Parents and carers will be able to withdraw their children from any aspect of the sex education programme which is not included in the Science National Curriculum. These are clearly shown in the RSHE Policy. However, we highly recommend that parents and carers take advantage of the sex education part of the curriculum in Year 5 and Year 6, which discusses puberty emotions and other questions children may have in an age appropriate and sensitive manner. Parents and carers will receive notice about when these lessons will take place. Please note: these are planned to take place in the summer term.

Please take some time to look at the presentation and the policy and take part in the Zoom meeting if you have any questions.

Regards,

Karl Stewart
Headteacher