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RSE Consultation Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the information about the new statutory requirements for Relationships and Sex Education. We are pleased that the link received almost 500 clicks, meaning that most parents and carers are now aware of the changes to our PSHE curriculum.

We have considered your comments and thank you for giving us feedback. We can see that some parents are worried about the changes and some feel that children in primary school are too young to learn about Relationships and Sex. Therefore, we would like to share with you some of the common questions that were asked in the consultation and hope that the answers give you more clarity and help you understand more about the new curriculum.

Can I have more details about exactly what will be taught?

- You can now find a full curriculum overview on our website by clicking [here](#). The overview shows you what will be taught in each of the units per half term. You will also be sent a letter from the class teacher if and when Sex Education will be taught (Years 4, 5 and 6).
- We will remind you of the whole school topic for the half term in our newsletters.
- You may request to see lesson plans at any time by contacting your child's class teacher.

Will we be given an idea of what conversations are taking place so we can contribute to them at home?

- Please use the curriculum overview document above to track what will be covered and support your child at home. As with all subjects, teachers will contact you if they feel your child needs further support with concepts.
- You may request an update about topics from your class teacher by email. Please contact the office if you are unsure of your teacher's email address.

What exactly can I withdraw my child from?

- Parents have the right to withdraw their child from Sex Education. In the case of our curriculum, Sex Education refers to human reproduction only and therefore parents have the right to withdraw their child from those lessons. There are only three lessons in our curriculum that are defined as Sex Education. They all take place in the second half of the summer term and are:
 - Year 4, Lesson 2 (Having a baby)
 - Year 5, Lesson 4 (Conception)
 - Year 6, Lesson 4 (Conception, birth)

Your child's class teacher will contact you before these lessons take place and you will be offered an opportunity to see the lesson plan and materials before deciding whether to withdraw.

I don't want my child to learn about puberty. Can I withdraw them from those lessons?

- No. Puberty now comes under Health Education. It is a legal requirement for schools to teach this to all children. Children must learn the correct anatomical names for body parts and what happens to their bodies as they grow. These lessons all take place for all children in the second half of the summer term in the 'Changing Me' topic.
- You may request to see lesson plans at any time by contacting your child's class teacher.

What are you going to teach my child about LGBTQ issues?

- For children in EYFS or KS1, LGBTQ is not mentioned specifically. However, in lessons about families, pictures are used to promote discussions about differences between families. Some of the pictures show same-gender couples and should children raise a question about them, teachers will answer with an age-appropriate response as suggested by Jigsaw.
- In KS2, children are taught that using homophobic language to insult someone is unkind and hurtful. Being LGBTQ is not explicitly discussed. However, should a child ask a question about same-gender couples, teachers will answer with an age-appropriate response as suggested by Jigsaw.
- For more information about this, please read the [Jigsaw LGBTQ Leaflet](#)

If I withdraw my child from the lessons, what will they be taught instead?

- There are only three lessons in the whole curriculum that you can withdraw your child from. When these lessons take place, your child will take part in an alternative lesson planned by the class teacher. This could be another PSHE lesson, or it might be an opportunity for them to continue with their learning from another subject. It will be at the teacher's discretion.

Can we opt out of lessons in certain year groups, or do we have to opt out of them all?

- There are only three lessons in the whole curriculum that you can withdraw your child from. You may choose whether to opt out on a lesson-by-lesson basis. For example, you may like them to take part in the Sex Education when they are in Year 4 but not in Year 5. Or vice versa. We highly recommend that you request to see the lesson plan and resources before making a decision.

I asked for someone to contact me personally about this. When will that happen?

- We will be sending emails to specific parents in the next few days to arrange a phone call. If you did not request contact but you would now like to speak to someone about this further, please contact the school office.

If you would like to re-read the original information that was sent out, [please click here](#).