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Dear Parents/Carers

You may be aware that in 2017 the government passed an amendment to the Children and Social Work Bill to make RSE and Health Education statutory. The guidance comes into effect from September 2020, when it will be statutory that:

- all primary schools in England teach Relationships Education
- all primary schools in England teach Health Education

We usually deliver Relationships, Sex Education and Health (RSHE) during the Summer Term. Due to the Covid situation, we were not able to do this for the current Years 4,5 and 6 nor were the Infant School able to deliver their curriculum to our current Year 3.

To ensure that all our pupils are fully informed about these important aspects of the curriculum we plan to deliver their **previous** year's curriculum content during the next half term. We aim to select the key learning from these units so that our pupils are then able to access their current year's curriculum in Summer 2021. We will continue to use The Jigsaw Scheme (a Personal, Social, Health Education teaching and learning programme which includes the statutory RSHE).

It is strongly recommended by the government that primary schools teach Sex Education (which goes beyond the Science curriculum). We have defined Sex Education as referring to Human Reproduction, and therefore parents/carers have a right to request their child be withdrawn from the PSHE lessons that explicitly teach this i.e. the Jigsaw Changing Me Puzzle.

Year 4 (Having a baby)

Year 5 (Conception)

Year 6 (Conception, birth)

If you would like your child to be withdrawn from this specific lesson please email admin for the attention of the class teacher. If we do not hear from you, the class teacher will assume that your child will be allowed to stay in this lesson. Parents/carers requesting to excuse their child will be invited to discuss their concerns with a member of staff. We will email year groups after half term to let you know when these specific lessons are taking place.

Kind regards

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