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Dear Parents/Guardians,

You may remember that we shared some information with you last year about the curriculum for Relationships and Sex Education in school.

The Government made Relationships Education and Health Education statutory for all schools from September 2020. Sex Education is not statutory for Primary Schools.

The Government are yet to confirm what the content of Sex Education for Primary age pupils should be. As a result of this, we have decided not to teach Sex Education this year.

As an ongoing part of the school's programme, children learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, healthy relationships and keeping themselves safe both on and offline. They also learn about their own bodies and how their bodies change as they grow.

Some aspects of this curriculum are delivered through the National Curriculum for Science and some through the PSHE curriculum. From September 2020, parents have been unable to withdraw children from the Relationships Education and Health Education.

So that parents understand the content of the Relationships and Health Education curriculum we have shared the plans for this on our school website. Along with the plans we have made some notes for you to see which refer to some sections that will be omitted.

You will also find broad information about why and how we have decided to teach this part of our school curriculum along with some tips for parents about how to talk with children about relationships, health and sex.

Teaching staff approach this aspect of the curriculum very sensitively and are aware of how it contributes to pupil's development; supporting them to develop healthy relationships, keep themselves safe and having factually correct information and the skills to positively manage the physical and emotional changes that will happen as they grow into hopefully happy, confident and responsible young people.

If you would like to see the school's Relationships and Sex Education Policy, please visit the school website.

If you have any further questions about this aspect of the curriculum or wish to see any of the teaching resources in more detail, please contact your child's teacher, Mrs Bick (our PSHE lead) or Mrs Smith

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Bick

Assistant Head