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## Relationships Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we have always included this, Relationships Education is now statutory in all primary schools. We are pleased that this decision has been made as it means that all children will be able to learn about different relationships, different families, growing up, puberty and their changing bodies. In Year 5 the children will be learning about how babies are made and how they are born.

Our Relationships Education is fully inclusive to meet the needs of all our pupils. We cover the following objectives:

- being a good friend
- kind and unkind behaviours, including bullying
- teamwork and resolving disputes
- discussing feelings we experience
- self-worth and self-respect
- important people in our lives
- consent and autonomy
- secrets and surprises
- physical and emotional changes to our bodies
- different families and relationships
- how babies are made and how babies are born
- differences, similarities and stereotypes
- body image

We fully believe that all children should learn about these important life skills in an open, honest and safe environment. We also believe that they should be taught in an age-appropriate and engaging way. We encourage parents and carers to view our Relationships Education Policy and scheme of work.

As part of the Science National Curriculum, children learn about puberty and how the human body changes in Year 5 and 6. Parents and carers do not have the right to withdraw their children from Science or Relationships Education lessons. However, parents can withdraw their children from Sex and Relationships Education lessons. We would urge any parents and carers considering withdrawing their child from these lessons to consider what is being taught, how it is being taught and how important this education is for all children.

Any children who are withdrawn from the Sex and Relationships Education lessons will have to be provided with alternative learning in another learning space.

If there is any part of the curriculum that you have concerns or queries about, please do come in and speak with your child's teacher.

Yours faithfully,

Mr F E Westmorland  
Headteacher

