



15th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Whoville Class - Teaching of RSE Lessons

I am writing to inform you that Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) lessons for Year 3 students will commence in the week beginning 20th May. This decision follows the announcement made last week regarding Mrs Farmer-Wright's upcoming maternity leave, scheduled to start on Friday 7th June. Given Mrs Farmer-Wright's established rapport with her class, we believe it is best for her to deliver this subject to them before she begins her maternity leave.

As outlined in the previous communication sent in March regarding the teaching of RSE during the summer term, we wish to remind you of the following key points:

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

RSE is taught during the second half of the summer term by teachers who know your child well. We are committed to preparing your child to live and learn safely in the modern world, negotiating the transition into increasing independence with the development of knowledge, values and skills to make positive, healthy and safe choices.

RSE will deliver a 'spiral' curriculum that enables pupils to build on their prior learning by revisiting some themes to further develop knowledge, values and skills in an age and stage-appropriate manner. As such, some themes are repeated to enable a deeper exploration of the related issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that none of the teaching materials or strategies should shock pupils. All lessons will be taught in a strictly non-judgemental and non-biased manner, to allow your child the opportunity to consider the information and develop their own values, attitudes and opinions about the topic. We would encourage you to discuss your child's relationships and sex education with them at home. This is an opportunity for you to share your family values in relation to the topics, building strong channels of communication about emotions, the human body and relationships with your child.

A copy of the themes covered by year groups and tips for talking with your child accompany this letter. Please take time to familiarise yourself with the things your child will be learning about. In addition to this information our RSE policy is available on the school website.

Your Rights as a Parent

The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued within our curriculum. Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up. As a parent you have certain rights when it comes to teaching PSHE:

- Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE. However, the science curriculum includes

content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.

- Parents cannot withdraw their child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

We encourage open communication between parents and the school. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss our RSE program on an individual basis, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your feedback is invaluable in ensuring that our curriculum meets the needs and expectations of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in this important aspect of your child's education.

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Interim Head of Schools

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