

# Bishop John Robinson CofE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, The Relationships Education (RSE) and Health Education Regulations in England 2019 have made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools. RSE is an important part of the Personal, Social and Health Education course that we offer to all pupils. We will be teaching lessons about RSE which will focus on relationships, the body, feelings, life cycles, people who can help, keeping safe online, health and puberty.

We will be teaching these lessons during the final weeks of the summer term. During the course, students will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. Pupils will be shown age-appropriate and scientifically-appropriate images to support their understanding of the body and life cycles. We will also share images of people who can help and how we might express different feelings. We will also discuss how our bodies change as we grow from babies into adults, and the importance of a healthy and balanced diet.

A large proportion of the RSE topics are compulsory, as these are part of the National Curriculum for Science. As a school, we feel confident that the curriculum we follow is appropriate for all of our children. Parents can withdraw their child from some sections of RSE lessons if they wish to do so, but we would encourage parents to speak with their child's class teacher first, to alleviate any concerns.

We believe that the wide-spread availability of images on social and wider media make it important that all young people have a safe place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Being able to confidently use biological language to discuss concerns is critical to supporting children in keeping themselves and others safe. Whilst we will limit where possible, even if a child is withdrawn, many pupils will discuss the issues raised in the classroom with each other outside the classroom. We will encourage pupils to speak with their parents and carers, but rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope that all students will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

Parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues, and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching. You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school.

If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, speak with your child's class teacher or arrange a meeting with me.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Sarah Biney

Assistant Headteacher

