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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships Education and Health Education: Year 6

This letter is to inform you we will shortly be beginning some work in Year 6 about 'Growing and Changing'. This work forms part of our ongoing programme of RSE, which we deliver throughout school. Our 'Growing and Changing' topic covers some elements of Science, some Relationships Education and Health Education.

We aim to help children to learn to respect themselves and others and move safely and confidently from childhood, through adolescence, into adulthood. We deliver much of this work through Relationships Education and Health Education, which are statutory parts of the broader subject, PSHE. As part of our programme, we provide Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). This programme begins as soon as children arrive in school and continues until the end of secondary school. There is more information about the areas your child will be covering below.

We are very aware that the RSE we deliver in school is only a small part of children's learning about their bodies, keeping safe, emotions, relationships and themselves. The majority of children's learning in this area takes place with you at home. You will find some further information on how to develop children's knowledge, skills and attitudes relating to RSE on our school website.

Your children will be engaging with the following questions as part of this work at school:

- What are different ways babies are conceived and born? (Sex Education)
- What effect might puberty have on people's feelings and emotions?
- How can my words or actions affect how others feel, and what are my responsibilities?
- What should adults think about before they have children?
- Why might people get married or become civil partners?
- What are different families like?

(Please note the questions in bold are statutory areas from Relationships Education)

We have carefully reviewed the resources we use to support our teaching, to ensure they are appropriate to the age and needs of the children. Our curriculum content plan attached to this letter provides more detail into each lesson and the resources that will be shared with your child. You have the right to withdraw your child from the elements of our programme defined as sex education which has been underlined i.e. learning about human conception and birth. If this is something you wish to do, please contact your phase leader Mr Herring, or our PSHE lead Mrs Grimes-Thomas who can arrange a meeting to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully, Mr Mallott