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Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationships Education and Health Education: Year 5

This letter is to inform you we will shortly be beginning some work in Year 5 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 male and female sexual parts called and what are their functions?
- How can I talk about bodies confidently and appropriately?
- What happens to different bodies at puberty?
- What might influence my view of my body?
- How can I keep my growing and changing body clean?
- How can I reduce the spread of viruses and bacteria?

(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 i.e. learning about human conception and birth. **There are no elements defined as sex education taught in Y5.**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Duncan as your phase leader, or Mrs Grimes-Thomas, our PSHE leader.

Yours faithfully

Mr Mallott