



Stratford-sub-Castle Church of England VC Primary School

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Dear Parents and guardians of Fox Class,

Just before the global pandemic hit, the government changed and modernised parts of the curriculum. This is because the world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant to the lived experiences of children in the 2020s.

Schools are expected to use PSHE education to build, where appropriate, on the statutory content already outlined in the national curriculum, the basic school curriculum and in statutory guidance on: drug education, financial education, sex and relationship education (RSHE) and the importance of physical activity and diet for a healthy lifestyle.

All primary age children **must** be taught Relationships and Health Education.

Our school shares the government's aspiration that all children should grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. This means all primary age children in our school will be taught Relationships, Health and Sex Education. These subjects are designed to equip children with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as prepare them for a successful adult life.

Our school intends to use sensitivity and flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of our pupils.

End of primary expectations and curriculum content is given in the Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education DfE guidance (2019). It is up to schools to determine how this is taught as part of a broad and balanced curriculum. Our school ensures that teaching is integrated within wider themes of the Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education (PHSE) and citizenship curriculum. Our framework for statutory and non-statutory content is provided by **Jigsaw: The Mindful Approach to PHSE** scheme of work.

This scheme has been used by the school for a number of years because it complements the Christian foundation and ethos of the school. We are confident that the Jigsaw Programme covers all aspects of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) within the context of a full PSHE programme in an age-appropriate way. When changes to these curriculum areas occur in the future, Jigsaw provides the school with materials to ensure all statutory duties are fulfilled.

Relationships Education puts in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online. Children are taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means

and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, children cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

By the end of primary school, children will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

Health Education aims to give children the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

The human development (Biology) contained in National Curriculum science (Key Stages 1–4) is compulsory in maintained schools such as Stratford-sub-Castle Primary School.

- **‘All children, including those who develop earlier than average, need to know about puberty before they experience the onset of physical changes’ (1.13)**
- **Children should learn ‘how a baby is conceived and born’ before they leave primary school (1.16)**

Effective Relationships and Sex Education can make a significant contribution to the development of the personal skills needed by pupils if they are to establish and maintain relationships. It also enables children and young people to make responsible and informed decisions about their health and well-being. This is why the DfE recommend:

“... that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. It should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born.” (Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education, DfE, 2019, para 67).

Parents may not withdraw a child from Relationships Education or Health Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such, as friendships and how to stay safe.

The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.

If parents do not want a child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, they may ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the head teacher must grant this request.

Please see the *Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PHSE) and Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education Policy (RSHE) #4* attached to this letter. We welcome your feedback on this policy. Please send to admin@stratford-ub-castle.wilts.sch.uk

Jigsaw Content

Jigsaw covers all areas of PSHE and RSHE for the primary phase, as the following table shows:

Term	Puzzle name	Content
Autumn 1:	Being Me in My World	Includes understanding my place in the class, school and global community.
Autumn 2:	Celebrating Difference	Includes learning how to treat all people with respect and tolerance
Spring 1:	Dreams and Goals	Includes goal-setting, aspirations and resilience building
Spring 2:	Healthy Me	Includes drugs and alcohol education, self-esteem and confidence as well as healthy lifestyle choices (on and off line)
Summer 1:	Relationships	Includes understanding friendship, family and other relationships, conflict resolution and communication skills
Summer 2:	Changing Me	Includes Sex and Relationship Education in the context of looking at and managing change

Please find the curriculum coverage for your child below. If you have any concerns or questions please contact Mrs Bridson.

<i>Lesson Sequence</i>	Science National Curriculum Objectives	PSHE/ RSE Curriculum
1. How am I unique and what do I inherit from my birth parents?		✓
2. What are the correct names of the internal and external parts of a male and female body used for making a baby?	✓	✓
3. When are you ready to have a baby?		✓
4. How does your body change over time?	✓	
5. How do girls' bodies change during puberty?	✓	✓
6. How do boys' bodies change during puberty?	✓	✓
7. How do humans reproduce?	✓	✓
8. How do I manage changes in my life positively?		✓

