



# Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School

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Re: Relationship & Sex Education

Dear Parents/Carers,

Now that we are in the Summer term, I am writing to inform you of upcoming content in our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education lessons for Term 6.

As you will know, we follow a scheme of work called [Jigsaw](#) which is an established and highly regarded tool to address children's PSHE needs in school. As part of PSHE, Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) is taught to all children from Reception to Y6. The lessons are primarily delivered as part of the *Changing Me* unit. This builds on content the children have learned in previous PSHE lessons, notably at the start of the year, when they caught up on RSE learning missed due to last year's disruption to the summer term, caused by COVID.

At Pucklechurch, we feel it is vital that children start to build up the vocabulary and confidence to talk openly and positively about emotions, relationships and their bodies. School provides a safe place for children to make sense of the information they have picked up from the media and also via playground myths. Guided by a skilled teacher, children are able to separate facts from fiction and to clarify and strengthen their own values.

You can read our PSHE Policy on the school website, along with important supporting documents (*Jigsaw 3-11 and statutory Relationships and Health Education Mapping Document, Including and valuing all children. What does Jigsaw teach about LGBTQ relationships? and How does Jigsaw PSHE support the Church of England Principles and Charter in relation to PSHE?.*) I have also attached a leaflet which I hope will be useful in answering some of the questions that parents might have about our approach and how to support it.

## **Parents' right to request their child be excused from Sex Education**

*"Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education delivered as part of statutory Relationships and Sex Education" DfE Guidance*

At Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School, puberty is taught as a statutory requirement of Health Education and covered by our Jigsaw PSHE Programme in the 'Changing Me' Puzzle (unit). We conclude that sex education refers to Human Reproduction, and therefore inform parents of their



right to request their child be withdrawn from the PSHE lessons that explicitly teach this i.e. the Jigsaw Changing Me Puzzle (unit):

**Year 4, Lesson 2 (Having a baby)**

**Year 5, Lesson 4 (Conception)**

**Year 6, Lesson 4 (Conception, birth)**

If you intend to withdraw your child from these particular sessions, please let your class teacher or myself know by the end of Term 5, so that we can arrange a meeting to discuss concerns and alternative provision can be made for your child. Please do remember, however, that some content related to reproduction will also form part of our Science lessons, which are statutory for all children.

In normal circumstances, we would host a meeting in school for parents to come in and view the resources, along with asking any additional questions they would like to ask. Currently, this is not possible as parents are not permitted inside the school building, following our risk assessment. It is also not possible for us to send out the materials, as they are copyrighted for use in school.

Instead, I am hosting an online video call meeting at **4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> May** where it will be possible for parents to view the diagrams and videos that are planned for use in the sessions outlined above for Y4, Y5 and Y6 and ask any questions they may have (although parents of all ages are welcome and all questions will be answered). The meeting can be accessed through the link below – this will be circulated again, nearer the time of the meeting.

## Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

You are also welcome to contact your child's class teacher if you would like more information on this unit of teaching.

Once the unit has been taught, we will be asking our pupils about how they found the unit and also sending out a parent survey, so that we can use this to support us in our annual review of RSE teaching at school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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