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### Relationship, Sex and Health Education

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may recall that, amongst everything else that has been happening this year, we have also been revising our Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) program. We would like to thank all those of you who took part in our consultation exercise which raised many valuable points. You might be aware that all schools nationally have been tasked with developing their approach to this part of the curriculum and we have been focussing on reviewing our provision.

Following this review, we have decided to invest in a new more up to date resource in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the 'Jigsaw' scheme which covers all areas of Personal and Social Education also. This ties together so many areas of personal education such as friendship, belonging, respect etc. It also makes links with the science curriculum.

The entire scheme of work, which is too extensive to include in this letter, can be accessed on our website by following the following link to the [RSHE policy](#). Here you can see which topics are covered in each year group. We have also provided extra documents to give greater detail about what is covered in RSHE in Key Stage 2.

Year groups will be continuing their teaching in all areas of PSHE in the summer term with years 3, 4 and 5 commencing work on the Relationship, Sex and Health Education units after the May half term. Due to the closure last Summer, Year 6 will be beginning work on these areas in the second week after Easter and will be covering those units missed in year 5 before progressing onto year 6 material.

RSHE is an important part of the curriculum and issues are dealt with sensitively and honestly in order to dispel some of the common misconceptions made by children of this age. Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from sex education (how a baby is conceived and born) by completing the form at the end of our RSHE policy but we would strongly advise that you talk to your child's teacher before making this decision. Please note that parents do not have the right to withdraw children from the science curriculum which covers areas such as the human body nor the health curriculum which teaches about puberty.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

Yours faithfully,

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