



# Millfield Primary School

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*The governing body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Statutory guidance from the DfE for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education has made Relationships Education compulsory in all primary schools. From September 2021, as part of our work in PSHE, we will be learning more about families, growing up, our growing and changing bodies and how to look after them. You may find the following document useful:

[assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/812593/RSE\\_primary\\_schools\\_guide\\_for\\_parents.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812593/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf)

A very important part of the work will be to make sure all the children understand that there are parts of their bodies that are private. We will learn about trusted adults to talk to and how to get help. We will learn about how our bodies change as we get older, how to manage these changes and keep our bodies clean and healthy. Children will also think about how their friendships and responsibilities, and their feelings and emotions might change as they get older. They will also learn about conception and about how parents in all families love and care for their children.

Most of this learning is part of Science, Relationships Education and Health Education which is (from September 2021) compulsory. The DfE statutory guidance is available on our school website for further information. *However, there are no significant changes to what is already being taught in primary schools and at Millfield Primary School.* You may withdraw your child from 'Sex Education'. These specific topics include learning about how human babies are made and born. In Year 3/4, we teach that babies are made from a seed and an egg (but not how these join together). In Year 5/6, we teach about human sexual reproduction, how the sperm and egg join together and the ways babies are born.

If you would like to find out more, we will be sharing our *draft* Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education school policy and the curriculum content for each year group on our school website. We will also provide links on the website to other sites that are helpful for parents when talking with their children. If you have any questions or would like to talk in more detail about any of the topics please contact us before Monday 12th July and we will be able to discuss it further with you.

*Wendy Lee*

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