



Oakmeadow Primary School 
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 6 RSE

Over the course of this academic year, we have been developing our RSE curriculum so that from Autumn 2020 onwards, the Relationships element of the curriculum can be taught in a progressive way throughout years 1-6 that links well to our Science curriculum. This part of the curriculum enables children to be taught about positive emotional and mental wellbeing, developing healthy relationships, privacy and online behaviours amongst other important lessons to help children stay safe, happy and healthy.

Further to this, as a primary school, we have the choice to offer our children a sex education element in addition. The department of education continues to recommend that 'all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils'. We support this and have therefore run this programme for our Year 6 pupils specifically for many years successfully, as we believe that it is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively. We aim to 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.

In the past we have taught this to Year 6 in lessons spread throughout the summer term and despite the current circumstances we feel it is important to still offer this content to our children before they move on to secondary school. We are however more limited in time so have therefore have decided to run an RSE day on **Thursday 25th June** for those children currently in school. We aim to aid children's understanding of the key concepts in a way that is appropriate to their developmental stage and children will work within their mixed gender current bubble to do this.

We believe in consulting our parents on the content of what will be taught and **we offer parents the right to withdraw their children from the Sex Education element**. Parents would normally be able to come into school and view the resources and discuss any queries or concerns. Due to the current situation we not be able to offer this, but we are happy to discuss these in detail and can do this via telephone and send you some examples of resources via email.

Please contact school by Monday 22nd June via admin@oakmeadowprimary.co.uk marking it for the attention of our Key Stage 2 Assistant Head Helen Morris to notify us if you wish to discuss it further or if you choose to withdraw your child from these lessons. In this instance, we will call you to discuss withdrawal further as there will be implications for attendance on this day due to children not being able to work in another bubble or with other adults.

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Parents of the children currently not in school will receive a letter offering the same resources and advice on delivery so that our remaining Year 6 children can receive this important learning should parents chose to deliver it themselves at home.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morris, Mr Ostermeyer and Miss Connell
Year 6 Teachers



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