



# St John's C of E Primary School

## Together we grow stronger

Headteacher Mr B Basinger-Adams Chair of Governors Mr J Alpin



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

As you know, we use the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme across our school called 'Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE'. The lessons since September have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The unit this term is Changing Me. This unit includes, in every year group, sessions to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work; obviously, the younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly, but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for learning that will follow in later year groups. The Years 5 and 6 lessons look more fully at puberty and reproduction. You can discover more about the unit and the topics covered in the attached document entitled jigsaw Parent Guide To SRE. We hope you will be in agreement with us that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this.

In addition to the information attached, we invite you to attend a session at school on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** in which we will provide more information on what we are planning to teach in which year groups. This information session has been well-received by parents in the past who found it to be informative and helpful. We do, as always, want to work in partnership with parents and carers, and also wish to remind you of your right to withdraw your children from this aspect of the PSHE curriculum. We hope, however, that you, like us, will see the materials in Jigsaw as educationally sound and beneficial to our children, and will look forward to sharing them with you and answering any questions you may have.

Please let us know if you would like to attend by returning the slip below to the school office by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. We will provide childcare for school-aged children during the session.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Basinger-Adams and Mrs Turner (PSHE Leader)

<p>I would like to attend the PSHE SRE information for parents' session on <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 3.15pm.</b></p>	<p>Name: .....</p> <p>Child's name/Class: .....</p>
<p>I would like to withdraw my child/children from the PSHE SRE lessons</p>	<p>Name of child(ren)/class:          .....          .....          .....</p> <p>Parent/Carer signature: .....</p>

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