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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, as part of your child's experience at The Hawthorns, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) that gives the children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020, the Department of Education has made Relationship and Health Education compulsory in all primary and secondary schools.

***What does this mean?***

For primary schools, the guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding.

***How will the lessons be delivered?***

Our school has followed the JIGSAW scheme for the past two years which has always included the guidance that has recently become statutory. This means that no changes need to take place in our school. There is a full leaflet detailing when each topic is taught from EYFS to Year 6 on our website. If you would like a paper copy, please let the office know and we will ensure that you receive one.

All of the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) lessons taught to your child will be age appropriate and relevant to the needs of the children in the class. If you have any questions regarding the teaching of RSE or feel that there are any issues that your child will need addressed relating to these topics, please let the class teacher know.

***Am I able to withdraw my child from RSE?***

Parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from the sex education lessons in Year 5 and Year 6, after a discussion with the Headteacher. They haven't got the right to withdraw their child from relationship education, health education or any part of the statutory science curriculum, where reproduction is taught. This means that pupils may not be withdrawn from the lessons on puberty in KS2 or learning about different relationships (e.g. LGBT).

Of course, we completely understand that this matter can be sensitive to families, and so we welcome any feedback on our RSE curriculum. Although we cannot change statutory guidance from the DFE, we would like to give our parents a voice, so please send in any questions, ideas or concerns for us to consider. You can do this via email through the school office.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Exall  
PSHE Leader

