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Dear Parent/Carer,

Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)

As part of the PSHE curriculum, we teach children Relationships and Health Education (RHE) a planned programme of learning through which children and young people acquire the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to successfully manage their lives – now and in the future.

As part of a **whole-school approach**, RHE Education develops the qualities and attributes pupils need to thrive as individuals, family members and members of society. We are educating children to live in the real world, with all of its contradictions.

What do schools have to teach in PSHE Education?

According to the National Curriculum, every school needs to have a broad and balanced curriculum that:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, social, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school;
- prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life;
- promotes British values.

At our school, we teach RHE through a programme of work called Jigsaw. Jigsaw supports our ethos and values and everything we are trying to teach the children.

From September 2020, primary schools in England were required to teach **Relationships and Health Education as compulsory subjects** and the Department for Education strongly recommends this should also include **age-appropriate Sex Education**. As a parent/carer you have the right to request that your child be withdrawn from some or all of sex education except where it is taught as part of the Science curriculum. Our policy states that we intend to teach sex Ed as part of our statutory Science curriculum.

There has been a few questions from parents regarding LGBTQ. Jigsaw does not promote LGBTQ lifestyles. What we aim to do is raise children's awareness that the world is made up of different family structures, cultures and ethnicities, different religions and beliefs, people with disabilities or special needs. The children will learn and discuss similarity and difference in PSHE lessons (via the Jigsaw material), such as difference in physical appearance and personality, likes and dislikes, and that people should be treated the same, with dignity and respect and that they can have different opinions.

There are a range of leaflets on the school website, which give further information.

Yours sincerely,

Len Hughes-White
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