

STOCKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Relationships, Sex and Health Education

As a part of your child's educational experience at Stockham Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future. Relationships, sex and health education forms part of our PSHE provision.

The Department for Education has made changes to relationships, sex and health education following nationwide consultation, which was to come into effect from September 2020. However, due to COVID and school closures, the changes come into effect in April 2021. All schools are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

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, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up gives children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing. Consequently, from Summer 2021, Relationships and Health Education will become statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

We use the 'Jigsaw' programme as a tool to deliver our curriculum. This is adapted and complimented to suit the needs of the children.

We are currently reviewing our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum and policy so we can be sure our relationships, sex and health education provision is appropriate for our pupils.



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As part of this process, the school would like to engage with parents, staff and governors to help inform our school's decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

This consultation will enable us to reach a general consensus and we will make adjustments to our policy and curriculum based on this feedback.

The right to withdraw children from sex education is explained in the FAQs, which is on our website (see below).

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, please look at the information below which provides more detail. Please take some time to explore these documents.

Later this term I will be sending home a short parental questionnaire to enable parents & carers to comment and provide feedback, as part of our commitment to engage with you on this important and new part of the curriculum. I am attaching the snapshot table of the new curriculum which provides a good overview but we do strongly encourage you to review all the additional documents uploaded to the website. We look forward to engaging with you on this exciting new part of our curriculum.

Please find on our website:

https://stockham.eschools.co.uk/web/sex_and_relationships_education_sre/561833

- Our school SRE policy
- A guide for parents and carers
- Information on LGBT
- How the jigsaw scheme approaches gender identity
- FAQs
- A snap shot grid showing an outline of what children learn in each year group

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Burbank
Headteacher

