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Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Sex Education**

On the morning of Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, the Year 6 pupils will have their sex education lesson.

**Why do we teach sex education?**

Sex education is not statutory at primary school; it is the choice of the school whether to teach it in Year 6 or not. However, as a school, we feel that it is important that the children understand the basic mechanics of heterosexual sex before they move to secondary school but we do not cover same sex. This prevents misinformation on the playground. The other reason is safeguarding – we feel that children who understand the basics are more able to advocate for themselves and know what is and is not acceptable.

**What happens in the lesson?**

Any session begins with ground rules. These are set by the children and outline their commitment to safe, respectful behaviour. We explain to the pupils that this information is for them and ask them not to discuss it on the playground or with younger children. We also discuss who the children can speak to if they have further questions or any concerns after the session.

**Withdrawal**

As sex education is not a statutory requirement at primary school, parents have the right to withdraw their children from this lesson. If you do not wish your child to take part in the lesson, they will be in a separate area (outside, weather permitting) with a TA for the duration of the session. Any requests to withdraw pupils from the lesson must be made in writing by emailing the school office.

Kind regards,

Mr Irwin

Year 6 Year Leader

**Our School Values are: Inclusion, Perseverance, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.**

