



Thursday 2nd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a few parents who have shared their concerns about upcoming Relationships Education lesson, where the teaching of medically correct terms for genitalia and sexual parts of the body will be taught. To quell any concerns we will be holding a demonstration lesson in Miss O'Connor's Class (Chameleon Class) after school on **Wednesday 8th March at 3:20pm**.

Relationships Education is a statutory subject, which must be taught, and parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from Relationship Education lessons.

I have attached further information below, which can be found in our [Relationships Education Policy](#) located on our website:

Teaching

Relationships Education is taught in a safe learning environment. In most cases, teachers will attempt to answer children's questions and concerns in a sensitive, age and development appropriate manner. Individual teachers will use their skill and discretion in these situations and if necessary refer to the Relationships Education leader for advice and support. Relationships Education has a vital role to play in helping children develop a vocabulary they can use to communicate comfortably, respectfully and accurately about the human body, growing up and relationships. This is only possible if adults teaching Relationships Education are able to model use of this type of vocabulary. Teachers may choose to plan vocabulary lists for each lesson or unit of Relationships Education and may also share the list with parents in advance of teaching. It is good practice to use medically correct terms for genitalia and sexual parts of the body, for example vulva, vagina, penis and testicles (in Year Two). Using this vocabulary will ensure that children are able to use appropriate language and develop the confidence to describe unwanted behaviours.

Parent Partnership

We recognise that you, as parents and carers, are your child's first educators and play a crucial part in the development of their personal and social skills. Therefore, we believe it is very important that you are aware of what is being taught and the type of language we will be using in case your child asks you questions. Some of the areas in PSHE are also quite delicate and can affect children in different ways depending on their experiences, so again for this reason it is important that you know when we are covering areas of learning. Parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from Relationship Education lessons. We work in active partnership with parents/carers, value their views and keep them informed about our Relationships Education provision. If a parent/carer has any concerns about the Relationships Education provision we will take time to address their concerns and settle any fears that may have.

Yours sincerely,

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