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PSHE Year 5 and Year 6

Dear Families,

As part of the school's PSHE programme, children learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, healthy relationships and keeping themselves safe both on and offline.

Statutory Guidance

"The Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, made under sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, make Relationships Education compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education...They also make Health Education compulsory in all schools except independent schools. Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education(PSHE) continues to be compulsory in independent schools."

DfE Guidance p.8

In Year 5 and 6 pupils further develop their understanding of the physical and emotional changes they go through at puberty and about human reproduction.

As part of the statutory curriculum, in all year groups pupils learn about, diversity within and between families which includes same sex couples.

Teaching staff approach this aspect of the curriculum very sensitively and are aware of how it contributes to pupil's development; supporting them to develop healthy relationships, keep themselves safe and having factually correct information and the skills to positively manage the physical and emotional changes that will happen as they grow into hopefully happy, confident and responsible teenagers.

Some aspects of this curriculum are delivered through the National Curriculum for Science and some through the PSHE/RSHE curriculum. From September 2020, parents will be unable to withdraw children from the Relationships Education and Health Education. At Tithe Farm School, we have decided to teach Sex Education in Years 5, which parents will still be able to withdraw their children from. We will provide parents the opportunity to review the resources prior to teaching the lessons in order to help them to make an informed decision.

Although families have the right to request to withdraw their child from any or all of sex education as part of Relationships Education, it is our aim to encourage parents to see the value of RSE learning and its contribution to keeping children safe, developing their emotional, social and physical wellbeing and for promoting equality and social justice.

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Should a family decide that they do not wish their child to take part in any of the Year 5 and 6 sex education lessons, we would ask that they first speak to the head teacher to discuss their concerns. The head teacher will discuss the request with the parent/carer to fully understand and address any concerns/objections to the content of the curriculum. If parents/carers do decide to withdraw their child, they should inform the head teacher in writing and the school will keep a record of this.

If you would like to see the school's Relationships and Sex Education Policy, please visit the school website.

If you have any further questions about this aspect of the curriculum or wish to see any of the teaching resources, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs. Worsfold, Head teacher.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ryan
Deputy Head teacher