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Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Parent Consultation

Dear parents/carers,

I am writing to you following the above consultation that closed on 20th June 2021. Can I thank those parents who responded and gave us their views on the proposed RSHE curriculum. There is no doubt that the feedback for the Jigsaw programme has been positive and I am delighted that we can move forward with this in the next academic year ☺. Below I have summarised the results and have also tried to answer any questions that arose.

. I think 'Personal, Social and Health Education', which includes Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) is an important part of my child's education. *

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● Strongly agree	8
● Agree	4
● Neither agree or disagree	0
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0



I think it is important that, in school, my child learns about different aspects of relationships, including what a positive, healthy, caring, safe relationship looks and feels like on and offline. *

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● Strongly agree	12
● Agree	0
● Neither agree or disagree	0
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0



It was clear to see from the responses that our parents recognise the importance of teaching PSHE (including RSHE) across our curriculum. It was unanimous that all parents want us to teach our children about different aspects of relationships as well as what constitutes a healthy relationship both on and offline.

I feel comfortable talking to my child about growing up, relationships and how to keep safe. *

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Strongly agree	11
Agree	0
Neither agree or disagree	1
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



I have read and understood the school's draft PSHE including RSE policy *

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Strongly agree	9
Agree	3
Neither agree or disagree	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



The above responses indicate that parents/carers understand our new PSHE policy/Jigsaw overview and feel comfortable talking to their children about growing up, relationships and how to keep safe.

I am aware of the topics that will be covered in our school's Relationship, Sex and Health Education curriculum (as part of the PSHE Programme). *

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Strongly agree	8
Agree	4
Neither agree or disagree	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0

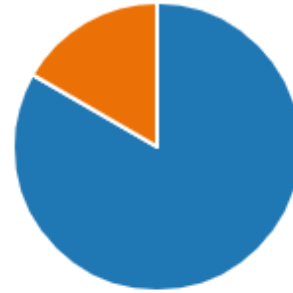


As mentioned, we will be following the Jigsaw PSHE programme from September 2021. The long term plans for Jigsaw will then be published on the school website. This will allow you to see the mapped out curriculum content in each year group. You will then be able to compliment and discuss any issues that might 'pop up' in conversation at home (having previously learnt about them at school).

I understand that what my child will be taught will be age and stage appropriate. *

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● Strongly agree	10
● Agree	2
● Neither agree or disagree	0
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0



We asked 'As a parent/carer, are there any specific topics in terms of Relationships, Sex and Health Education, you feel you would like more information on?' The responses were as follows:

- Would welcome more information about online relationships and staying safe online.
- The only question I feel I am unsure how to answer is how babies are made! I've always assumed an older child would need this answer!

Information about staying safe online is definitely something we can support with in moving forward. Prior to COVID the Police Safer Community Team would deliver an hours workshop in school that focused on staying safe online. This was delivered to all year groups across the morning. The police then ran a parent workshop in the afternoon –this is something we are keen to facilitate again as soon as safe to do so. We will also look to upload information about this subject area on to the school website.

We asked if there were any changes or additions you feel you would like considered in terms of the PSHE policy (which includes RSHE) or curriculum we deliver?

- There was no additional content suggested.

And finally, we asked if anyone had any additional comments:

- It would be good to know what topics are being discussed during the month to help with any questions.
- I do not mind my child taking part in this at school, as long as it is 100% age and stage appropriate as I think it is a good thing to teach children from a young age about this especially when it comes to children keeping safe online and just out and about in general.

As previously mentioned, we will aim to publish long term plans come September, giving you the headlines that we will be focusing on. The point that the parent makes above about being 'age and stage appropriate' is SO important and I am keen to stress again that in terms of our bodies, we will only be teaching external body parts as part of our Science learning – we will not be looking at reproductive functions.

As always, we boast a superb pastoral department here at Old Town and should anyone encounter any 'tricky' questions at home that they would like support in managing, please do contact Mrs Miller (our Pastoral Care Worker) who will be able to provide you with an array of strategies and resources to support such conversations.

Can I again thank all the parents who took part in this consultation. It is greatly appreciated and your thoughts and comments have played an important part in moving the schools PSHE curriculum forward.

Yours Sincerely,

Doug

Mr Douglas Gubbins
Headteacher