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Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy: Parent Consultation

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Old Town Infant School and Nursery, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education. This 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.

From September 2020, RHE (Relationships, Sex and Health Education) was made compulsory in all primary schools in England, with an emphasis on Relationship Education, meaning primary schools have a legal duty to provide and teach the children this curriculum content.

Health Education includes learning about 'the changing adolescent body' to equip children to understand and cope with puberty. Alongside this the DfE recommends, 'that all primary schools should have a Sex Education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils.' Due to the age of the children at Old Town Infant School and Nursery, explicit lessons are not taught as this would not be age or stage appropriate.

However, we recognise that it is important for children to understand their bodies and are able for example, to correctly name parts of their body and know which parts of their body are private. These lessons lay the foundation for future sex education lessons that will be taught in Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6). We know that you will be in agreement that this learning is vitally important for children but that it needs to be age appropriate. **The Jigsaw Programme launched here at Old Town in September 2021 and gives us a secure framework in which to do this.**

I am now writing to you in relation to this as schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE. This will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. With a new body of parents joining our school community, our current PSHE and RSE policy is due for review – with ratification taking place at our next Governors meeting on 18th October 2023.

Please could you read through the Old Town 'PSHE & RSE Policy' which can be found on our website <https://old-town-infants-school-nursery.secure-primariesite.net/pshcerse/>

Here, you will find our RSE policy and you will see a summary of the curriculum content that will be taught. You can also find more information on our Jigsaw Programme on this page. **The resources**

we use to deliver these lessons are all age-appropriate and are tailored to the age and physical and emotional maturity of our pupils.

The Statutory guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

We are keen to hear any feedback you may have and invite you to complete a questionnaire via Microsoft forms. Please use the link below to let us know your views.

<https://forms.office.com/e/H2yg8U6jQi>

Your views are very important to us and will be reviewed by the Governing Body. I will also formally respond to you on the outcome of this process later in the term.

Please provide any feedback by Monday 16th October 2023. If a hard copy of the policy is required, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

We hope this letter and the information provided on the website goes some way to alleviate any worries you may have. We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of the new PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

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