



Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, is now part of the National Curriculum.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sex and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

The purpose of the curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds to thrive in modern Britain.

Relationships education is mandatory and will cover friendships, healthy and unhealthy relationships, families-including different kinds of family (for example, adoption and same-sex parents).

Parents have a right to withdraw their child from sex education unless the content is part of the National Curriculum for Science. The science curriculum covers birth and conception in humans and animals, the correct name for body parts and the changes both physical and emotional during puberty. These subjects are covered in appropriate years. We will however inform you when we cover the topic of puberty and body changes so that you are aware if your child has further questions at home. During sessions where we are discussing conception and puberty, we will answer any questions that arise with sensitivity and an awareness of the children's ages and abilities. In addition to statutory requirements, we will provide some non-statutory sex education. In Year 5 and 6, children will be taught:

- that when a sperm and egg meet, this is called conception; that conception usually occurs as a result of sexual intercourse, and what sexual intercourse means (Year 5/6);
- how a baby develops in the womb and how babies are born (Year 5/6).

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Relationships and Sex Education policy for you to look at. Please feel free to comment as part of the consultation process by emailing [parents@laceygreen.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:parents@laceygreen.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

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