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Dear Parents/Carers,

From September 2020, all primary schools have been required to teach the relationships and health education as laid out by the Department for Education. Fortunately, we have a strong PSHE curriculum in place which already met many of the requirements of this new curriculum, although changes were made where necessary. Our policy is on our website, which states all the changes that we have made. I also recommend that you look at the following DfE guide, which sets out the changes clearly:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

All information regarding our approach to RSE and PSHE can be found on our website using the following link. This includes our curriculum long term plan as well as other useful information.

[PSHE & RSE | westleighjunior](#)

In January I will hold parent meetings in order to share the lessons in more detail and show you the resources that we use in class. The meetings will be held on the following dates in the dining hall:

Years 3 and 4 – Tuesday 9th January 2024 2.30pm

Year 5 – Thursday 11th January 2024 2.30pm

Year 6 – Tuesday 16th January 2024 2.30pm

I will send a reminder of these dates nearer the time.

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education as it is a statutory part of the curriculum and, of course, it is important that all children receive this content, covering important topics such as friendships and how to stay safe. Parents can withdraw their children from all or part of sex education that does not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. Please note that reproduction of plants and animals, including humans, is covered within our statutory Year 5 science curriculum. If you wish to withdraw your child from all or part of the school's sex education programme please contact me, although I advise attending the meeting first to find out what we will be covering.

I look forward to seeing you in January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C. London
Assistant Headteacher