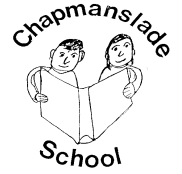




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Relationships Education – Right to Withdraw Letter for Parents

Dear Redwood Parents,

Relationships Education has been statutory in all primary schools since September 2020. We are pleased that all children can learn about different relationships, different families, growing up, puberty and their changing bodies.

Parents and carers **DO NOT** have the right to withdraw their children from Relationships Education objectives that link to the national curriculum for Science. This includes information on puberty and how the human body changes.

Parents and carers **DO** have the right to withdraw their child from all or any part of the Relationships Education, that are not linked to the national curriculum for Science. However, we would urge any parents considering withdrawing their child from these lessons to consider what is being taught, how it is being taught and how important this education is for all children.

Our Relationships Education is fully inclusive to meet the needs of all our pupils. We cover the following objectives:

- being a good friend
- kind and unkind behaviours, including bullying
- teamwork and resolving disputes
- feelings we experience and how to discuss our feelings
- self-worth and self-respect
- important people in our lives
- consent and autonomy
- secrets and surprises
- growing up and physical and emotional changes to our bodies
- different families and relationships
- how babies are made and how babies are born
- differences, similarities and stereotypes
- body image

We believe that all children should learn about these important life skills in an open, honest and safe environment. We also believe that they should be taught in an age-appropriate and engaging way. We encourage you to view our Relationships Education Policy and scheme of work or to talk to us if you have any concerns at all. We seek a strong partnership with parents and will always communicate what is being taught and when. I have attached an overview of the remaining lessons in the Growing Up topic that we wish to teach to Redwood class. We are particularly keen to ensure that Redwood class cover all the lessons prior to Year 6 moving on to secondary school, as we believe this is an important part of the transition process for our older pupils.

Parents will be responsible for providing alternative learning to any children who are withdrawn from the Relationships Education lessons.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cottrell or me should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Chapman

Redwood Term 6 – Growing Up

- Lesson 5 Learning Objective: To learn about human reproduction. To know that bacteria and viruses can affect health and that following simple routines can reduce their spread. To judge what kind of physical contact is acceptable or unacceptable and how to respond. I understand what a sexual relationship is and who can have a sexual relationship.

The Big Questions: What is a sexual relationship and who can have one? What is an STI and how can they be prevented? What type of physical contact is unacceptable and how should we respond?

Key/New Words: Sex, sexual, sexually transmitted infection, intercourse, reproduction, heterosexual, bisexual, homosexual, penis, vagina, egg, sperm, safe sex, consent, conceive, conception, condom, contraception, contraceptive pill, rape, incest, legal, illegal, crush, fancy, physical, contact.

- Lesson 6 Learning Objective: To learn about human reproduction. I can describe the process of human reproduction, from conception to birth.

The Big Questions: How is a baby conceived? What is contraception? How does a baby grow? How is it born?

Key/New Words: Conceived, conception, reproduction, sexual intercourse, contraception, birth, sperm, egg, penis, testicles, vagina, uterus, womb, zygote, embryo, foetus, umbilical cord, placenta, amniotic sac, nutrients, labour, vaginal birth, caesarean section (C-section).