



CHAPMANSLADE CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Relationships Education – Right to Withdraw Letter for Parents

Dear Parents,

Relationships Education is statutory in all primary schools. 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, reproduction and how the human body changes.

Parents and carers **DO** have the right to withdraw their child from the sex education lessons in the “Growing Up” which is part of the Relationships Education. 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.

NHS advice states that puberty can begin as early as 8 for girls, and 9 for boys. We teach children about puberty in Years 4, 5 and 6 in Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education (PSHRE), **AND** in the Year 5 statutory science curriculum.

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 Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education Policy and our unit overview (on the school website) that shows the specific lesson content from which parents have the right to withdraw their child.

Any children who are withdrawn from the Relationships Education lessons will have to be provided with alternative learning in another space.

We seek a strong partnership with parents and will always communicate what is being taught and when. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns about the content of lessons.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Smith

PSHRE Lead