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Dear Parent/Carer,

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

From 2020 all primary schools in England will be required to teach Relationship Education and Health Education. This is in addition to the statutory national science curriculum. Our policy is available on the school website. As you may be aware, as part of personal, social and health education we use the Shropshire Respect Yourself Eat Better, Move More, RSE scheme of work. This is quality assured by the PSHE Association and has won national awards. Our secondary schools also use the scheme. This provides age-appropriate progression and consistency of approach.

The primary scheme delivers under the key headings: Choices and Challenges, Changes and Care and Commitment. It covers families and people who care for me, caring friendships, respectful relationships, online relationships and being safe.

We are clear that parents are the prime educators for children on these matters and we are committed to a home school partnership, which supports and is consistent with our duties under the Equalities Act and Safeguarding.

Classroom teachers will deliver the programme, with support from outside agencies as appropriate. There is an opportunity for pupils to work in small groups and exercises are adapted for differing levels of cognitive ability and developmental level. We encourage pupils to ask questions and we respond to their issues, concerns, and queries in a straightforward manner, using age-appropriate language and factually correct information.

We are delivering the lessons starting the **w/c 12th June**. If you wish to discuss the lessons, see the resources and the policy, or if you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Parents have *the right to withdraw* their children from the sex education element of the curriculum, but not the relationship, science, or health education curriculum. The DfE have produced a leaflet for parents "understanding relationship and health education in your child's school: primary".

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

If you have any concerns about the programme for your child, we are available to discuss these and the implications of withdrawal with you. We can also highlight resources and books so that you can discuss these important issues with your child.

Yours faithfully,

Citizenship and Wellbeing Team
St George's Junior School