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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Relationship and Sex Education Lessons

During the Summer term, children in Year 5 and 6 will have relationship and sex education (RSE) lessons where they will be taught through an education programme tailored to the age and the emotional maturity of the pupils. It will ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and, drawing on the knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science, how a baby is conceived and born. You have previously been sent a list of objectives from our PSHE curriculum that will be covered this term and you should have notified us if you wish for your child to be withdrawn from any of the non-statutory teaching objectives.

The children will be taught the correct vocabulary for different areas of our bodies and changes that will happen through puberty: including changes in voice, growth of pubic and facial hair, body odour and the importance of keeping clean. The menstrual cycle will be explained to the girls in detail and the boys will be given a brief explanation of this also.

Some of this teaching will be delivered through a workshop, run by Lincolnshire Stay Safe Partnership, and some by staff in school as part of their Science and PSHE lessons.

In addition to this, following changes to the PSHE curriculum, a discussion will be held with the pupils about their ideas of what the meaning of 'family' is and they will be asked to come up with some ideas of all the different families that they can think of. This will include discussion about civil partnership and same sex relationships / marriage. Pupils will be encouraged to give their thoughts and opinions on the topic to aid their learning.

If a child is behaving in an immature way, and it is felt by school staff to be the case that they are interfering with the education of others, then they will be removed from the lesson.

If you would prefer your child to not take part in these lessons, or if you would like more information about what will be covered, please speak to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

B. Richardson

Mr Richardson
(Herons Class Teacher)