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Dear Parent/Carer,

As a part of your child's education at Jarrow Cross C of E Primary School, we have always promoted personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education). The aim of PSHCE being to ensure our students gain the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safely and healthily.

I am writing to inform you that as of Summer 2021, under the Relationships, Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019, made under sections 34 and 35 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017, Relationship and Health Education is now compulsory for all pupils in primary education. We are confident you will share our enthusiasm for this inclusion in our PSHCE curriculum, as we feel it will educate our children further about staying safe and healthy.

Please be assured that Relationship and Sex education lessons (RSE) are age appropriate and will include discussions around: healthy relationships; families; growing and changing including puberty; personal hygiene; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe and consent; and developing self-esteem and confidence. As a parent, you have the right to withdraw your child from any aspects of Sex Education that goes beyond the statutory Science curriculum. However, a decision has been made at Jarrow Cross that we will only teach the statutory curriculum. Therefore, the option of withdrawal in this instance does not apply.

It is important that children are aware of the correct/factual terminology for parts of their body. This also links directly to the science curriculum; therefore, staff will inform the children of the correct, scientific terminology for all body parts including private parts, during specific taught science lessons. Please see the PowerPoint described below for further details.

All PSHCE topics will be delivered by teaching staff on a weekly basis. As stated above, the subjects will be taught in an age-appropriate manner and as always in a safe environment providing the children with opportunities to ask questions.



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As unfortunately at the moment we are still unable to invite parents into school, we have created a section on our school website, **Key Information - PSHCE Updated curriculum** which we would encourage you all to visit. Further information-including the content session overviews- and a PowerPoint relating to this subject can also be found there. We would really value your opinions regarding our PSHCE Curriculum and we will be sending out a survey asking for your views and feedback. Please watch out for the link which will be sent via text next week.

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either myself or Miss Elcoate PSHCE Co-ordinator.

Thank you,

Mrs McBeth and Miss Elcoate



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