



Hopwood C.P. School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

After half term, we will be teaching Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) as part of our Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) curriculum.

It became a legal requirement in September 2020 to teach Relationships and Sex Education in primary schools. The design of our lessons considers the requirements of the statutory guidance, up-to-date best practice guidance, and the needs of our children. RSE helps children to learn about relationships and their bodies, including the changes that take place as they grow up. These lessons help children to keep themselves safe, so they can form healthy relationships (friendships) with others, now and in the future.

I will be presenting our RSE curriculum on Tuesday 23rd May at 4pm via Zoom. During the presentation, parents will be able to type any questions into the chat-box. We will download the chat after the meeting and provide a response to every question following the meeting.

The zoom link for the meeting is:

<https://zoom.us/j/98911954856?pwd=c1J3R0ZNUjdXdnpoSktQbXB5bjZ4QT09>

Meeting ID: 989 1195 4856

Passcode: w90dM1

Kind regards,

Mrs Simpson
PSHE Subject Leader

Please Note - All the RSE lessons, for each class are on the school website for parents to view and the following extract is also on the website:

What are we planning to teach?

At primary school, Relationships Education and Health Education is statutory. It's important that parents know this and that there is no option to withdraw from these subjects.

The DfE guidance (pg. 23):

*"The national curriculum for science also includes subject content in related areas, such as **the main external body parts**, the human body as it grows from **birth** to old age (including **puberty**) and **reproduction** in some plants and animals."*

*"It is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively...It (the sex education programme) should ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for **the changes that adolescence brings and** – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - **how a baby is conceived and born.**"*

As above sex education includes **puberty, conception, reproduction** and birth. **Puberty** is already statutory under Health Education and National Curriculum Science (so there is no right to withdraw). **Birth and reproduction** are also included in Science (again, no right to withdraw) and so this leaves **conception**. By definition 'how a baby is **conceived**' means what happens during sexual intercourse before an egg and sperm meet (**reproduction**).

