



Tuesday 20th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware from September 2020, Relationships and Health Education became compulsory in all primary schools in England. Our full policy can be found on our website ([click here](#)); this letter is to highlight the main issues to you, regarding content that will be taught in the summer term. This RSHE policy covers relationship and health education as well as sex education.

- **Relationships Education** in primary schools will cover 'Families and people who care for me', 'Caring friendships', 'Respectful relationships', 'Online relationships', and 'Being safe'.
- **Health Education** in primary schools will cover 'Mental wellbeing', 'Internet safety and harms', 'Physical health and fitness', 'Healthy eating', 'Drugs, alcohol and tobacco', 'Health and prevention', 'Basic First Aid', 'Changing adolescent body'. However, as an infant school we do not teach children about the specifics of puberty but talk in a more general way about how we are different now compared to when we were babies.
- **Sex Education** is defined in our policy as teaching about human reproduction. As we are an infant school, we **do not** teach the children about the specifics of human reproduction. As part of the Science National curriculum in Yr 2 children are required to 'notice that animal, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults.'

In the second half of the summer term children begin the '**Changing me**' topic. Each year group is taught appropriate to their age group, developmental stage and building on the previous years' learning.

For our age group of children at Robert Miles Infants they will be taught:

- Reception- Growing up- how we have changed since we were babies.
- Year 1- Identify the parts of the body that make boys and girls different, use correct terminology for body parts (penis, testicles, anus, vagina, vulva), and give reasons why they are private.
- Year 2- recognize the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct terminology for body parts (as above) and respecting privacy (which parts are private and why this is).

As you can see this is quite simple for our age groups and very factual.

Due to lockdown last year the content from the previous year may not have been taught so the teachers will have to recap last year's learning.

Please note: at no point will a child be taught something that is inappropriate; and if a question from a child arises and the teacher feels it would be inappropriate to answer (for example, because of its mature or explicit nature), the child will be encouraged to ask his/her parents/carers at home.

If you have any worries about the content of the material please speak to the child's class teacher initially and then if further concerns arise please make an appointment to come and see me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Barbuti', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mrs L Barbuti