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Dear Parents/Carers,

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As part of our commitment to ensuring that we teach Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) effectively and appropriately, we have chosen to use a mixture of: School Nursing delivered sessions; Big Talk led sessions, and the Jigsaw PSHE program.

Over the course of next half term, we have a series of sessions led by school nursing and Big Talk Education. Please see below for more information:

School Nursing

The school nursing service will be delivering the following sessions in school:

Year 1- Safe Touch session (all Year 1 parents received an information letter regarding this) Monday 5th July

Year 5- Puberty session Wednesday 16th June

Year 6 - Conception and Birth session Monday 5th July

Big Talk Education

Big Talk Education have been coming into school annually for a number of years to provide RSE education for all of our children. This year they will be coming in for the full day on **Wednesday 9th June**. They will work with children from nursery all the way to our Year 6's, covering important, age-appropriate aspects of the RSE curriculum. I have attached a letter from the Big Talk professionals to provide more information about what each year group will learn.

Usually, we offer a face-to-face session for parents with the professionals from the Big Talk before they come in to teach the children; however, due to COVID restrictions this is not possible this year. Instead, the Big Talk team have sent links to their website for you to look at. If you have any questions, please contact us to discuss this.

- Here is a link to the parents' area of the website: <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/>
- This part is particularly useful as it includes our Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/parents-sex-education-questions-answered/>
- Here they explain what they cover with which year group, which parents will also find useful: <https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/rse-information-and-support-for-schools/what-and-when-sre-rse/>

Jigsaw PSHE/Health and Wellbeing

In the Autumn term, Miss Hoggart, our RSE lead within school, sent out a consultation to parents asking for comments about our RSE curriculum offer. After receiving feedback and taking on board what parents said, we decided to invest in Jigsaw PSHE/Health and Wellbeing. This is a whole school scheme of work, 'aiming to prepare children/young people for life, helping them really know and value who they are and understand how they relate to other people in this ever-changing world.' So far, the children are loving their Jigsaw sessions so please keep checking the school blog for posts relating to this.

We are currently in the process of developing a section of our website dedicated to RSE and Jigsaw so that parents are able to see what children learn in their sessions throughout the year. For now, please use the Jigsaw website to find out more information <https://www.jigsawpshe.com/> and read through the leaflet attached.

Right to withdraw your child

Please read the information below from the government's RSE guide for parents, which I have also attached, to find out information about the right to withdraw your child from Sex Education.

'You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe. Your child's primary school can choose to teach Sex Education. If you'd like to know more about this, we recommend speaking to the school to understand what will be taught and when. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the head teacher must grant this request. The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.'

Please contact school if you have any questions regarding our RSE curriculum and offer.

If you would like to discuss withdrawing your child from Sex Education, please contact the school office by emailing admin@bawtrymayflower.doncaster.sch.uk so we can arrange a discussion about the aspects you would like to withdraw from.

Kind Regards,

Mrs N Walker
(Head of School)

