

# PSHE and RSE at Kennington Primary School

## FAQs Sheet

- ***Can I withdraw my child from Relationships and Sex Education lessons?***
  - In Primary School Relationships Education is statutory. As a parent, you are not permitted to withdraw your child from these lessons. Sex Education is not statutory but government guidelines suggests it is good practise to deliver this content in an age appropriate fashion. We teach one lesson of Sex Education in the Summer in Year 6. You may withdraw your child from this lesson.
- ***Can I withdraw my child from Science lessons about reproduction?***
  - No. The Science curriculum is statutory. In science in Year 5, pupils will have learned about an egg and a sperm joining to produce offspring (this is part of the statutory science curriculum- sexual and asexual reproduction). In sex education in PSHE, pupils learn about how two consenting adults in a secure relationship may make the choice to have babies and to do that, a penis is inserted into a vagina to deliver the sperm to the egg. This is not covered in the Science curriculum. The resources used to teach these lessons can be found on the parent information Power Point on the school website .
- ***How do I withdraw my child from the one lesson of Sex Education?***
  - A non consent form can be found on our Parent App. This must be filled in prior to the day of the lesson which parents will be notified about.
- ***If my child is withdrawn, what will they do whilst the lesson is being taught?***
  - The children who are withdrawn will complete appropriate work from the PHSE curriculum in another room with another adult.
- ***Do we get an alert prior to children being taught the Changing Me unit so we prepare ourselves?***
  - The Relationships unit will be taught in the first half of the Autumn Term. The Changing Me will be taught in the second half of the Summer term. We will remind parents that these units will be being taught via the Parent App.
- ***Can the Sex Education lesson content be viewed by parents?***
  - The content, including vocabulary and pictures to support teaching and learning are available on the website. As with all our curriculum, there is a yearly overview of PHSE and RSE on the website so you can discuss things with your child should you wish to do so before the unit is delivered
- ***Are all types of family taught about? Single parent? hetero/homosexual/non binary?***
  - We do not specifically 'teach' children about sexual orientation or promote one above another. We do talk about families and how they are made up differently for different people. This is in line with the Equality Act, 2010.
- ***How will PSHE and RSE be approached for SEN children?***

- We take an inclusive approach with all our teaching, including the provision for children with SEN. Lessons will be planned with the differing needs of the class in mind. In some cases, with some children, aspects of a lesson may be delivered differently for example in a one to one or small group situation.
- ***Is there a suggested resource list for parents too?***
  - This is a working document which will be on the website soon.
- ***Will girls receive support and lessons regarding periods?***
  - Both boys and girls will receive information about menstruation at some point in KS2 however girls will receive a session separate from boys so they can be taught in more detail before they are likely to experience these changes first-hand. For general puberty lessons, both boys and girls are taught together to ensure equality and understanding of what happens to both males and females during puberty.
- ***What if another child asks something inappropriate in the lesson?***
  - Classes will have an 'Ask It Basket'. Children will be directed to put their question in the basket for a number of reasons, this being one of them. After the lesson, the teacher will review the questions in the basket and ensure they are answered appropriately, either by the class teacher or in collaboration with parents. This will help to reduce the exposure to anything age-inappropriate for other children whilst valuing the child and their queries.
- ***Do you teach about gender reassignments also or cross dressing etc?***
  - No. This is not part of our primary curriculum. As with all situations involving children, a child may ask a question about it or put something in a class ask it basket. This will be handled sensitively and appropriately depending on the question and it's context.