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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to inform you that next term, Year 6 & 7 pupils will be focusing on **Relationship and Sex Education** in PASHE. This takes place with their tutors on a Wednesday afternoon.

This topic will cover the following objectives. Pupils will be learning:

- about the physical and emotional changes that happen when approaching and during puberty.
- about how hygiene routines change during the time of puberty, the importance of keeping clean and how to maintain personal hygiene.
- about how the process of puberty links to reproduction.
- about the processes of reproduction and birth as part of the human life cycle; how babies are conceived, and (briefly) that sexual intercourse does not always result in making a baby. (Pupils will go into this in more detail, covering topics such as contraception, during KS3.)
- about where to get more information, help and advice about growing and changing, especially about puberty.
- that for some people gender identity does not correspond with their biological sex (this will only be covered briefly in KS2.)

These objectives are in line with the new national PSHE/RSHE curriculum. Under the new guidance parents may request to have their child removed from lessons specifically dealing with sex education. If you wish to discuss this further, or have any other questions, please contact me. JHowell@educ.somerset.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

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(Head of PASHE)

'Let your light shine before others' Matthew 5 v 16
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