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Dear Parents/Carers of Y2 pupils

SRE Education – “ALL ABOUT US”

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best education for our pupils and to Child Protection (Safeguarding), I am writing to let you know about our special arrangements for PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) at The Lanes this term.

This term's theme is Sex and Relationships (SRE) - the children may know the topic as '**Growing and Changing**'.

We feel that it is important to share the key points about this subject with you each year before we begin teaching your children. This gives you the opportunity to discuss any issues with your own child during the term, should you wish to.

We will continue to focus on promoting children's social and emotional development, as well as their health and wellbeing within our existing PSHE lessons as usual. However, during this Summer Term each class will be covering the RSE topic of 'Growing and Changing'. The detail of what is included in this topic is outlined below. Please note that during this topic we will be teaching the children the proper names for the more intimate parts of their bodies. The lessons are differentiated for the different ages in school and are clearly set out and well planned. Having this vocabulary enables the children to talk in a clear and unambiguous way if they ever encounter problems and they will be taught in a factual, sensitive manner. As in all other respects, this curriculum area will be centred on teaching children to become confident, independent and well-rounded citizens for the future.

By the end of Key Stage 1 (end of Yr 2) pupils will be able to:

- Recognise and compare the main external parts of the body
- Recognise similarities and differences between themselves and others and treat others with sensitivity
- Identify and share their feelings with others
- Recognise safe and unsafe situations
- Identify and be able to talk with someone they trust
- Be aware that their feelings and actions have an impact on others
- Make a friend, talk with them and share feelings
- Use simple rules for dealing with strangers and for resisting pressure when they feel uncomfortable or at risk

Pupils will know and understand:

- That animals including humans grow and reproduce
- That humans and animals can produce offspring and these grow into adults
- The basic rules for keeping themselves safe and healthy
- About safe places to play and safe people to be with
- The needs of babies and young people
- Ways in which they are alike and different from others
- That they have some control over their actions and bodies
- The names of the main external parts of the body including agreed names for sexual parts
- Why families are special for caring and sharing

We feel that PSHE is an extremely important part of a child's education and it forms the foundations of all that we do at The Lanes. SRE is a part of this curriculum and is based on clear guidance from the Department of Education. You do have the right to withdraw your child from RSE lessons but we would encourage you to talk this through with us in the first instance. If you do wish to withdraw your child please let us know in writing.

A copy of the current school policy and the curriculum content is available to view on the school website.

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team.