

# Walmsley CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you about some updates relating to Relationships, Health and Sex Education. As you are aware the teaching of health and relationships is a compulsory part of primary education.

Your child will therefore soon be receiving age appropriate lessons on relationships, personal health and personal safety. We use a PSHE scheme called Jigsaw.

This year the majority of the Jigsaw curriculum has already been taught, however we want to make you aware of some changes to ensure we meet statutory requirements. After summer half term, we will be teaching the 'Changing Me' Jigsaw piece from our scheme of learning using only the statutory lessons from the scheme.

The changes made for this academic year through the introduction of Jigsaw are as follows:-

- KS1 children will learn the correct terminology for body parts including genitalia. This starts from Year 1. (Please check the Knowledge Organisers on our website for specific names taught)
- Y4 will be taught a lesson called 'Having a Baby' but **will not be taught the optional non-statutory content**.
- Y5/6 have received optional 'Growing and Changing sessions' led by Wendy Mason from the Healthy Families team.

Please check our website for more information.

<https://www.walmsley.bolton.sch.uk/curriculum/PSHE-Jigsaw>

The purpose of the upcoming curriculum is to provide knowledge and understanding about physical, moral and emotional development. It is about understanding the importance of the variety of family dynamics, stable and loving relationships, respect and care.

We will teach Jigsaw curriculum through the following subjects:-

**Science** – pupils learn about the main external parts of the body and the changes to the body as it grows from birth to old age, including puberty. They will also learn about healthy diets and nutrition.

**Computing** – pupils will learn about e-safety, including how to use technology safely, responsibly, respectfully and securely, how to keep personal information private and how to access help and support.

**PE** – pupils explore various physical activities, are physically active for sustained periods of time, engage in competitive sport and understand how exercise can lead to a healthier lifestyle.

**Jigsaw** – pupils learn about respect and difference and values and characteristics of individuals. Pupils learn about the requirements of the law, their responsibilities and the possible consequences of their actions.

Parents cannot withdraw their child from the statutory elements of the curriculum included in the National Curriculum for Science (see above) which includes content on human development. Parents also cannot withdraw their child from Relationships or Health Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships, how to stay safe online and puberty. As stated above, as parents you have the right to withdraw your child from any or all of the non-statutory sessions relating to sex education. Parents of children in Years 5 and 6 have been given the option to opt in/out of the non-statutory sessions this year.

**Following our consultation last summer, we have decided that we will not teach the non-statutory content in Years 4, 5 and 6.**

When teaching Jigsaw, considerations have been made for:

- religious and cultural diversity
- differing gender needs and abilities, including SEND
- diverse sexuality of pupils
- homophobic or transphobic bullying and behaviour
- pupil's age and physical and emotional maturity
- pupils who have English as a second language

Parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching.

If you require further support or information regarding our Jigsaw curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs J Atherton  
Headteacher