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Dear Parents and Carers,

Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) Programme in Year 6.

During Term 6, we will be teaching lessons about Sex and Relationship Education (SRE) in year 6, which will include topics such as: *puberty; relationships and communication skills; pregnancy; contraceptives; prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; prevention of sexual abuse; FGM; body image; sexting and social media; pornography; consent.* During the term, pupils will be able to ask questions discretely, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

Some parts of SRE are compulsory - these are part of the National Curriculum for Science. Parents can withdraw their children from all other parts of SRE if they wish to do so. However, we believe that the presentation of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Our experience is that even if a child is withdrawn, many children will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all children will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. We acknowledge that parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and hope you will welcome the support that school can offer to supplement your home teaching.

If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kate Roy
Assistant Head Teacher
Upper School Curriculum Lead

