



Whitstable Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

As you may be aware, Relationships Education teaching for Primary school becomes statutory this year replacing non-statutory Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education. At WJS, we have always placed our pupils' wellbeing at the forefront of our teaching and are greatly looking forward to this opportunity for them, *'to embrace the challenges of creating a happy and successful adult life, by providing knowledge that will enable them to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships and to build their self-efficacy.'* Relationships Education Statutory Guidance 2020.

To support our teaching and ensure full coverage of the curriculum, we have become one of many local schools to adopt the HeartSmart teaching programme which provides online resources and a scheme of work for each year group to support teaching that will take the form of weekly 30/40 minute lessons following the progression outlined in the document attached. It is envisaged that the new scheme will be implemented towards the middle of Term 1 as we wanted to allow time for the children (and teachers) to settle back into school life before introducing something new. Prior to this, Relationships Education will take the form of weekly Circle Time activities.

If you have any questions, further information can be found at the websites detailed below or you are welcome to contact me via the school office.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

<https://www.heartsmart.school/>

<https://www.circle-time.co.uk/our-approach/quality-circle-time/>

Kind Regards

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