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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 6 Sex and Health Education at WJS Term 6 2023

As we approach the end of the academic year and the children have had the opportunity to establish trusting relationships with their teachers and each other, we deem them ready to undertake the Sex and Health aspects of the statutory Relationships Education curriculum. Below is an outline of the curriculum coverage that the children in year 6 will be experiencing during term 6. More detailed coverage and planning can be found on our website.

In Year 6, all children undertake lessons in which they learn more about puberty, conception, reproduction and birth. All of these themes, with the exception of conception, are statutory as part of Health and Science National Curriculum Education. Statutory guidance also states that sex education should ensure children know how a baby is conceived and, at Whitstable Junior School, we interpret this as referring to what happens during sexual intercourse before an egg and sperm meet. We therefore include sexual intercourse in our Year 6 lessons. When exploring loving relationships, again in line with statutory guidance, we teach about families in many forms including Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Trans-sexual. Teaching is without bias and does not support, promote or endorse any particular orientation in line with The Equality Act 2010 (p.22).

All of the lessons outlined above have been developed to correspond with other schools both locally and nationally and with careful consideration of the individual and collective needs of the children. To support you as parents and carers, resources and content is available to view prior to delivery via our website (Our School/Our Curriculum/Relationship and Education/Sex Education Curriculum 2023), to support with discussion at home.

It is of course your parental/carers right to decide what is the best way to approach these topics and therefore we are writing this letter in order to give you the opportunity to reflect and decide if you are happy that your child be part of these lessons. At WJS, we hold great value in the importance of preparing the children to be successful young adults and feel that these lessons are just as important as any other, but at the same time should you wish your child to learn about these topics via yourself and therefore not take part in the lessons during term 6 at school then please email me by Friday 9th June so that I and your child's class teacher can prepare for alternative provision for them.

Should you be unable to access the resources and/or would prefer to discuss any of the content of this letter, then please do not hesitate to contact me, via the school office or email: kroy@whitstable-junior.kent.sch.uk

Kind Regards

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