

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we will be focusing on Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) during next half term. This letter is to help you prepare for the possible questions or topics that your child may wish ask or discuss with you further at home.

As you are aware we are a Unicef Rights Respecting School and Article 17 from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child say that your child has the right to get information that is important to their wellbeing.

RSHE is a compulsory part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) Curriculum taught throughout the whole school. St. Wilfrid's uses SCARF and Manchester Healthy Schools Guide to Growing and Changing, as well as the PANTS Rule from Barnardo's.

Over the past 18 months, we have been looking very carefully at the Government's Statutory Information, whilst consulting with the wider community at St. Wilfrid's to tailor and adapt our lesson content and ethos of the school, to match the required standards and best meet the needs of all of the children in our school.

Our teaching staff have spent time looking at these sessions in advance of delivering them. We have discussed our whole school approach to many issues raised and listened to each other about deciding when different terminology is age appropriate to introduce to our pupils. These have then been taken to a working group, with some valuable perspectives from parents.

We invite you to complete our latest [Parental Survey \(click this link\)](#) on google forms, to continue to build a picture of what is best for our community of St. Wilfrid's when embedding RSHE. Please complete this by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

Our PSHE and RSHE policies are both available to download from our [School Website \(click this link\)](#), alongside the vocabulary and terminology used and the content covered in the lessons of each year group. The information on the website also includes how to request your child to be withdrawn from the Sex Education lessons – in Year 3, 4 (girls only) and 6 (making babies lesson only) which are not statutory but we still cover based on feedback from parent's wanting their child to be taught these aspects and on our positive safeguarding environment.

If you have any queries regarding the curriculum or would like any further information, please do contact your child's class teacher or myself.

*Sarah Stevenson*

Mrs Sarah Stevenson  
PSHE Lead



**Withdrawing Pupil from RSHE – 2021**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Year group: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read all the advice and guidance about teaching RSHE in Primary School and have looked at the lesson content covered, yet would like to withdraw my child/children from the following sessions:

Year 3 (girls only) – My Changing Body

Year 4 (girls only) – Period Positive

Year 6 – Making Babies

