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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Priory School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Relationships Education (PSHRE) programme. PSHRE is the curriculum subject that gives young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. As a school, we have chosen to use a scheme of work called 'JIGSAW' to enable us to deliver PSHRE across the school.

All pupils will be taking part in what is now a statutory element of the curriculum, which focuses on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) introduced by the government. At Priory School, puberty is taught as a statutory requirement of Health Education and covered by our Jigsaw PSHE Programme in the 'Changing Me' unit, and we conclude from the DFE Guidance that sex education refers to Human Reproduction. In order to teach this in a scientific context, and knowing that National Curriculum Science requires children to know how mammals reproduce, we have opted to teach this within our Science curriculum, not within PSHRE, as we believe this is most appropriate for our children.

Because we will only be teaching the statutory elements of sex education within the Science curriculum, the parent right to withdraw their child is not applicable. We would like to reassure you that the content of the curriculum has been tailored to match the age of the children it is delivered to. This will better equip your child with the information they need to make safe, informed and healthy decisions as they progress through adult life.

A copy of Priory Schools' PSHRE Policy is attached to this letter along with other relevant documents and is also available on our website. The PSHRE Policy shows what your child will learn and how you can best support your child to discuss these topics at home. All PSHE and RSE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss concerns and give feedback on the PSHRE policy, you can email us at PSHRE@prioryschool.com where you will be able to contact members of the Senior Leadership Team or myself, the PSHRE lead who is responsible for the planning and implementation of the new RSE curriculum.

Kind regards,

Kelly Higgins
PSHRE Curriculum Lead

