



# Priory School (Foundation)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier this year, you received information regarding the upcoming PSHRE 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 you are aware, we have chosen to use a scheme of work called 'JIGSAW' to enable us to deliver PSHRE across the school.

During summer term, Priory will be embedding this into year group's timetables and beginning the proposed coverage. 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.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents and therefore wanted to remind you that if you would like to find out more or discuss concerns you can email us at [PSHRE@prioryschool.com](mailto:PSHRE@prioryschool.com). 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,

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PSHRE Curriculum Lead

