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## RSE Week at Birkwood – Next Week (June 24 - June 28 2024)

### What is RSE?

Since September 2020, Relationships Education has been compulsory for all pupils receiving primary education and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for all pupils receiving secondary education. Health Education is now compulsory in all schools too.

We hosted a meeting around Relationships Sex and Education earlier this month. Miss Keen and Mrs. Wilkie shared our curriculum with you. I also emailed out all lesson materials to families.

The key message around relationships education at Birkwood is 'safety.'

This safety includes working with children:

- To make them aware of safe and responsible adults.
- To make them aware of what healthy relationships look like.
- Being able to stay safe by knowing and understanding what safe behaviour from all of us is.
- The use of accurate scientific and medical terms to describe body parts is part of the National Curriculum and is entirely appropriate so that children are able to describe any potential health problems in an accurate and appropriate way with medical professionals and their main carer.

I stress again the absolute key to all of this is keeping our children safe.

**Parents and Carers do not have the right to withdraw their children from lessons that cover the statutory Health and Relationship objectives (this includes puberty lessons) and lessons that cover national curriculum science objectives, including content on human development and reproduction.**

As a part of our curriculum our school delivers some Sex Education content. Some elements of the Sex Education content are taught in **Year 5** through 1decision's puberty topic. The Sex Education content is also delivered in **Year 6** and is taught through 1decision's conception topic.

**Parents and carers can choose to withdraw their child from these units ONLY.**

**This ONLY applies to Years 5 and 6**



To assist you in your decision, we remind you that our curriculum is taught in an age-appropriate manner and provides pupils with the time to ask questions in a safe environment and ultimately receive information based on facts, rather than hearing content second-hand or via online platforms.

Please carefully consider if you wish to withdraw your child from the sex education elements as the PSHE Association and Department for Education recommend children are taught this.

This is so children are taught facts within a safety netted classroom as opposed to seeking answers elsewhere or online.

Following this, if you would like to withdraw your child from the conception or the Sex Education elements of the puberty unit, please see our RSE Policy on the school's website and request a withdrawal letter from school.

Our RSE and PSHE policies can be found in full on our school website.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Daniel Wood', written in black ink.

Daniel Wood