



WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Reception to Y6 SMSC - RSE – Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Department for Education released statutory guidance, which covers Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), in July 2019. This guidance became mandatory from September 2020 and states:

- Relationships Education will be compulsory in all primary schools (or those pupils receiving primary education) – this includes academies, free schools and independent schools
- Health Education will be compulsory in all primary and secondary schools (or those pupils receiving primary or secondary education) – this includes all academies and free schools but not independent schools as Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural (SMSC) lessons are already statutory in these schools.

At Woodlands, we believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. One way we do this is through our SMSC lessons. They look at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of our SMSC lessons is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond. These topics are covered throughout the year and more focused objectives are taught in the Summer Term for some year groups.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is an important part of SMSC. We will be teaching our main lessons about SRE in the Summer term. For more information on the contents of these sessions please visit our curriculum overview.

During these lessons, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. These sessions will cover both the objectives from your child's previous school year, as well as their current school year (if applicable). This is because many of these important sessions that are usually covered in school were unfortunately missed due to school closures and national lockdown.

As of September 2020, some parts of relationship and sex education was made compulsory for all students. We recognise that parents and carers are the prime educators for children on many of these matters, and we believe that schools complement and reinforce this role. We see building on what pupils learn at home as an important part of delivering a good education.

If you wish to withdraw your child from these sessions, please email your child's teacher on their class email address.

Yours sincerely,

The School Office

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