



## Federation of Pinvin C of E First School and St Nicholas C of E Middle School

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*Together, we inspire, discover and achieve*

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### PSHE Curriculum – Year 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our Summer 2 curriculum in Year 7, we will begin to look at reproduction of plants and animals (including human) in Science. Furthermore, we will be using our PSHE lessons to discuss Relationships and Sex Education as children go through puberty and become young adults.

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) course. This looks at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of the PSHE course is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is an important part of the PSHE course. We will be teaching lessons about RSE in the summer term which will include topics such as (*puberty; relationships and communication skills; pregnancy; contraceptives; prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; prevention of sexual abuse; FGM; body image; sexting and social media; consent.*)

During the course, 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.

**Some parts of RSE are compulsory - these are part of the National Curriculum for Science.** Parents can withdraw their children from all other parts of RSE if they wish to do so.

However, we believe that the presentation of sexual images in social and other media make it important that all young people have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Even if a child is withdrawn, many pupils will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all children will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

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Many parents and parent-related organisations support good quality SRE in school. Parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. All materials used are available for you to browse through should you so wish.

We sincerely hope that this helps you in making an informed decision about your child's engagement with this part of the curriculum. Please inform the school, if for any reason you wish to withdraw your child from certain elements of the curriculum.

Yours faithfully,

James Hawthorn and the Year 7 team.

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