



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Families,

As part of your child's education at Overchurch Junior School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. This gives our children the knowledge, understanding and skills to lead healthy, safe and productive lives.

You may be aware that the Department for Education has announced changes to the relationships and sex education for all primary and secondary schools in the UK. These changes come into effect in the summer term, 2021. All schools are required to comply with the updated changes. The statutory guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guidance-for-schools>

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing and safeguarding. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up gives children the information and positive values to have safe and fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing. At Overchurch Junior School, we use the Christopher Winters Project Curriculum.

We have reviewed our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) policy and curriculum so we can be sure our provision is age appropriate and relevant for our pupils. Our provision takes into account our children's ages, their religious and cultural backgrounds and any special educational needs they might have. Please see our school website for the draft Relationships and Sex Education policy and when and how certain content within the subject will be covered. We would like to hear your views on these documents. If you would like to contact us about these, please email the school office at schooloffice@overchurch-junior.wirral.sch.uk and carers have the right to withdraw their child from some lessons on sex education but cannot withdraw children from relationships education or any content that is covered in the science curriculum. We have consulted with a group of parents.

To help you understand the curriculum, we have put some useful documents on the website and this includes:

- What children are expected to know before leaving Year 6
- Proposed draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education
- DfE guidance on the changes to relationships and sex education
- A PowerPoint presentation for parents to view
- Our long-term plan for PSHE
- List of vocabulary taught in each year group



The consultation will begin on 19th March and close on Monday 19th April. Please email your feedback on the following:

Consultation questions:

1. Are there any changes or additions that you think we should make to the Relationships and Sex policy?
2. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the Relationships and Sex curriculum outline?
3. Has your child ever asked you questions about growing up, sex and relationships?
4. Do you want more support to help you talk to your child about sex and relationships?
5. Would you like more information about what school teaches on sex and relationships?

Your views are very important to us and we will respond to you on the outcome of the process after the consultation has closed. Once we have considered all the feedback, the Relationships and Sex Education Policy will be uploaded to the Overchurch Junior School website. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact school, Yours sincerely

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Mrs Sheridan (Headteacher) & Miss Mercer (PSHE Lead)