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Relationships Education - Years 5 Parent Information Session

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that during next half term the Year 5 children will be learning about puberty and the changes they will experience as they become young adults. This is part of the National Curriculum Programme of Study of Science, and the school's Relationship Education programme, as agreed by our governing board to teach children at Coopersale.

Mrs. Gardiner (Year 5 class teacher) will be presenting these lessons with the assistance of Mrs. Atwal and Mr. Bateman, across the week beginning 18th November 2019.

The series of sessions will include discussion opportunities as well as group work. They will also be given an opportunity to ask any questions in an anonymous question box. Some sessions will be as a whole class, others as boys and girls separated to give the children as many possibilities to discuss their learning – that may be more appropriate to a particular gender. Such as girls understanding the use of sanitary products or boys understanding of a 'wet dream'.

We would like you to attend a Year 5 Parent Briefing meeting on **Wednesday 6th November at 9am in the School Hall**. The aim of the session is to inform you about the contents of the programme, discuss what is and what is not covered as well as the opportunity for you to preview the information/resources that will be used in the sessions.

This meeting is for adults only – to allow for question time and a chance for you to see the resources first hand and to be discussed in detail if required.

Although as a parent you do have the right to opt your child out of the 'relationship' sessions, please understand that the science objectives are from the National Curriculum, and so must be studied. Can I also confirm that we do not teach the children Sex Education in these sessions – that is part of the Year 7 National Curriculum – for secondary schools to teach.

I look forward to seeing you on the 6th November.

Dale Bateman
Headteacher