



COWLEY HILL

learning for tomorrow every day

Dear Parents and Carers,

25th May 2017

At Cowley Hill Primary School we aim to support every child in their development into confident, responsible and caring adults. We strive to create an environment that encourages the children to progress their own feelings of self-respect and respect for others. Due to this we feel it is important to teach all our pupils about healthy relationships as part of the SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) and PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum.

The purpose of Sex and Relationship Education is to teach children about forming and maintaining a variety of healthy relationships and to respect the diversity of different relationships. As with all lessons we will teach the children at a level appropriate to their age and understanding.

As the children move through the school we also begin to discuss how the human body changes during puberty and the processes of human reproduction, within the context of relationships based on love and respect. It should develop understanding and attitudes which help pupils to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner.

As a school we feel that if children have good information about all types of relationships from an early age they will be supported as they grow into confident and healthy adults able to make positive choices. This can start with learning the basics about growing up and the sessions in school may reinforce what you are already doing at home.

We have chosen to follow the Jigsaw Programme teaching a unit called 'Changing Me'. All teaching materials are appropriate to the age and emotional maturity of the pupils concerned and the teachers will aim to present the lessons in an objective, balanced and sensitive manner. Details of this curriculum are on the reverse of this letter

You are welcome to contact your child's class teacher to discuss the programme or to view any of the teaching materials used. Parents can withdraw their children from all or part of the SRE lessons that do not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. If you wish to withdraw your child from all or part of the school's SRE lessons, you will need to arrange a meeting with myself or Mr Hood to discuss this.

All the children will begin this part of their curriculum in the week commencing Monday 19th June. Do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher should you have anything you would like to discuss.

Yours sincerely,

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