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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's education at Droxford Junior School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensively taught subject of Personal Development Learning (PDL). Made up of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) & Citizenship, PDL is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives.

Droxford's PDL curriculum is designed to encourage our children to thrive as individuals, family members, members of their local community, diverse society and the wider world.

Is RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) a statutory subject?

From September 2020, the Department for Education (DfE) committed to making both the 'Relationships Education' and 'Health Education' aspects of PDL statutory in all primary and secondary schools. Additionally, 'Relationships and Sex Education' (RSE) was made compulsory in all secondary schools. Although Sex Education is not statutory in the primary curriculum, the DfE continues to recommend that all primary schools have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils. This is especially important in the transition phases between primary and secondary education.

Droxford's Year 5 and 6 RSE unit will be taught on 13th and 14th of July. Therefore, there will be an information evening for parents to attend, should they wish to, on Thursday 6th of July at 4.30pm in Soberton Base. Children will be supervised in an alternative classroom should they need to attend with you.

On the 13th July, all Year 5 and 6 children will learn about how the body changes during puberty. On the 14th July, Year 6 will learn about different types of relationships and how babies are conceived.

We will use a range of teaching resources including some videos involving real life children, as well as animations. Anonymous question boxes will be set up for each class and teachers will discuss these sensitively. Attached is the school's RSE policy for your reference.

If cannot attend the information evening but would like to discuss any of this further, see resources and videos used in the lessons or find out more, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

You do have a parental right to withdraw from any teaching and learning not specified in the National Curriculum for science or health and relationships education. If you would like to do so, please follow procedures as set out in the attached policy after speaking with us.

If you have any further questions or queries, please do contact us.

Thank you for your continued support,

Year 5 and 6 Class Teachers