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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Reception – Relationships and Sex Education

As part of the school's Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) programme, children in Year R to Year 6 all receive approximately three age-appropriate lessons on ourselves, families, relationships, sexual health and personal safety. These lessons take place in the second half of the summer term.

The programme of learning is based upon 'The Christopher Winter Project' that is being used by many schools on the island and across the UK, and its purpose, which will be presented in a sensitive, objective and balanced manner, is to help in the development of making safe choices, building self-esteem and healthy and responsible relationships with others. This programme has now operated for a number of years and has been well received by both parents and children. This is also closely linked to 'Jigsaw' that we use for our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons.

The programme for Year R pupils is 'Family and friendship'. A copy of the scheme of work is available on the back of this letter. If you would like to view the detailed programme of learning or have any queries that you would like to discuss individually, please contact your child's class teacher or myself who will be happy to answer any questions you may have. In addition, the school's PSHE, Relationships and Sex Education policy is on our school website.

From September 2020, parents do not have the right to excuse their children from relationships education. However, parents have the right to excuse their children from the non-statutory/non-science components of sex education within RSE. We would strongly urge parents to allow their child to participate, as it is likely that children will discuss the lessons and we feel that it is better for children to hear directly from the class teacher, rather than acquiring partial or inaccurate information from one another. Your child may also ask questions at home.

Requests for being excused should be put in writing by **Friday 9th June 2023** using the form found in Appendix 6 of the PSHE, Relationships and Sex Education policy and addressed to the headteacher (if you would like a copy of this form sent to you, please inform the office). I will discuss the request with parents before making an appropriate decision. A copy of these requests will be placed in the pupil's educational record. Alternative work will be given to pupils who are excused from elements of relationships and sex education.

Kind regards,

Mrs R. Lennon
Headteacher and PSHE/RSE Subject Lead

Reception

Family and Friendship

Scheme of Work

Word Box: Friendship, kindness, happy, sad, shy, feelings, lonely, sorry, angry, family, mum, dad, brother, sister, grandma, grandad, stepmum, stepdad, foster mum, foster dad.

Statutory Guidance	Learning Intentions and Learning Outcomes	Title	Resources
<p>Relationships Education Caring friendships (2a,2c) Health Education Mental wellbeing (6b,6c,6g)</p>	<p>Learning Intention To recognise the importance of friendship Learning Outcomes Know that friendships can make us feel happy Know some ways that we can make new friends feel welcome</p>	<p>Lesson 1 Caring Friendships</p>	<p>Elephant glove puppet or toy Pictures of children at school</p>
<p>Relationships Education Caring friendships (2d) Health Education Mental wellbeing (6b,6c)</p>	<p>Learning Intention To recognise the importance of saying sorry and forgiveness Learning Outcomes Know that arguing with friends and then making up can make friendships stronger That resorting to violence is never right</p>	<p>Lesson 2 Being Kind</p>	<p>Elephant glove puppet or toy Picture of a crown and art materials to make crowns, i.e. paper or play-doh</p>
<p>Relationships Education Families and people who care for me (1a) Caring friendships (2a) Respectful relationships (3a)</p>	<p>Learning Intention To recognise that all families are different Learning Outcomes Identify different members of the family Understand how members of a family can help each other</p>	<p>Lesson 3 Families</p>	<p>Elephant glove puppet or toy <i>The Family Book</i>, Todd Parr Families pictures Paper and drawing materials</p>