

26th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, the Department for Education (DFE) introduced new, statutory guidance for all schools to deliver Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) from September 2020 as part of a wider PSHE curriculum. In order to meet the new statutory guidance, we have implemented the Jigsaw PSHE programme.

Jigsaw is a comprehensive programme for primary PSHE including the statutory RSE. The curriculum is structured in a spiral format, which means that from year 3 to year 6, children will be building on their subject knowledge at an age-appropriate level as they revisit themes each year.

Mindfulness is at the heart of each lesson, allowing children to develop their emotional awareness, concentration and focus. With strong emphasis on emotional literacy, building resilience and nurturing mental and physical health, we are confident that Jigsaw is the right fit for Woolenwick. However, just as they do with other subjects, class teachers will adapt the given materials to meet the needs of all pupils.

In the second half of the summer term, our unit across the school is *Changing Me*. As well as exploring feelings about change, such as moving to a new school or year group, this also involves learning about puberty and conception. All topics will be taught sensitively and according to the needs of the pupils. They will also have opportunities to ask questions through the use of a question box and class teachers will then answer them in an age appropriate manner. Please be prepared for your child to also ask questions at home.

For more information on what they will be learning about, please check the Knowledge Organiser document for your child's year group, which can be found on our school website here:

Year 3: <http://woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Year-3-PSHE-Changing-Me-Knowledge-Organiser-2.pdf>

Year 4: <http://woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Year-4-PSHE-Changing-Me-Knowledge-Organiser-2.pdf>

Year 5: <http://woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Year-5-PSHE-Changing-Me-Knowledge-Organiser-2.pdf>

Year 6: <http://woolenwickjm.herts.sch.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Year-6-PSHE-Changing-Me-Knowledge-Organiser-2.pdf>

As part of the DFE guidance, parents are unable to withdraw their child from relationships education. We are also required by law to teach national curriculum science, which includes some elements of sex education. Again, parents do not have the right to withdraw their child from this. However, parents are able to withdraw their child from non-statutory elements and this can be discussed by arranging an appointment with the school.

Please read these additional documents on our website for more detailed information:

Jigsaw Relationship and Sex and Education in the Primary School – A Guide for Parents and Carers

Jigsaw Information for Parents and Carers

What does Jigsaw teach about LGBTQ issues?

At Woolenwick, we continue to be committed to working in partnership with all families. If you require any further information or support, please contact me via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Tracey Brotherton, PSHE Curriculum Lead

