



Monday 21st June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Relationship Education at Heamoor CP School

Government guidelines outline that, from the age of 11, it is compulsory for all schools to provide a sex and relationship education programme.

At Heamoor CP School, we believe that it is important to provide our pupils with a thorough and balanced curriculum, including age-appropriate information about staying healthy, positive, caring relationships and sex. As such, we follow the 'Jigsaw' programme of study, which provides our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), including our Relationships, Sex and Health (RSE) coverage.

The details of what will be taught to the various year groups is detailed in the school's Relationship Education Policy. The policy, attached with this letter, is currently in the draft stage. As such, we would like to take this opportunity to share it with you and welcome any feedback, or comments you may have regarding the policy. Please return any feedback by **Friday 2nd July 2021**. Feedback can be returned via email using the address help@heamoor.cornwall.sch.uk

We will then consider any feedback and respond accordingly, either directly, if it's a specific request, or via an update letter sent after the engagement period date. In addition, we have also added a folder on our school website, (accessed using the link: <https://www.heamoor.school.co.uk/website/pshe/427502>), which contains leaflets about how the Jigsaw programme (which we follow at Heamoor) covers various aspects of both PHSE and, more specifically, the Relationships, Sex and Health education aspects. It also contains documents to show you which areas are covered during which year groups, so that you can see what your child will be covering each year. You are also welcome to view the lesson plans and resources which will be used for each year group. If you would like to take up this opportunity, please contact the school office at the earliest opportunity, who will advise on how to access the materials. A specific breakdown of lessons covered, relevant to your child's class is included in the consent letter you will also receive.

Though schools must provide sex and relationship education for pupils from the age of 11, up until the age of 19, only aspects of the science national curriculum are compulsory for pupils to learn. Therefore as parents/carers, you are entitled to request that your child be removed from sex and relationship education lessons. Please look at the section on the policy which refers to this—please note, the only lessons relevant to these requests happen in Years 4, 5 and 6 (please see the highlighted lessons on the parent consent letter). Such requests should be submitted to Mrs Flynn, who will discuss this with you and your child's teacher and determine an appropriate substitute for these lessons.

If you have any concerns, or queries about your child's participation in these lessons, please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Flynn, or your child's class teacher, to discuss these.

Yours sincerely,

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