

Relationship Education to help keep children safer

Information for Parents/Carers of children in Primary Schools

In response to our changing society and the impact of the Internet, Government has now decided to introduce statutory Relationship Education to all Primary Schools, these lessons are not new and have been delivered in most Primary Schools since the last guidance in 2000, however some of the content has now been updated to help keep children safer.

School is here to help; we are engaging the support of the specialist organisation BigTalk Education, whose expertise was sought by the MP's Women & Equalities Committee in 2016. They work with 3 ~ 18 year olds and have been involved in delivering age appropriate education of this type for over 20 years, they also deliver training for Professionals, Parents & Carers.

Below is the Programme that will be delivered to the Children by BigTalk, it reflects the **Ofsted & SEF recommendations**.

Ages 7~8 (School Year 3) A recap on what should have been covered in the Infant School (the differences between boys and girls, identifying and naming private body parts, good touches, bad touches and who to tell if they have any concerns) We then progress using specially drawn cards which show situations which are ok "thumbs up" or which may be risky "thumbs down" (e.g. other children or adults taking improper photographs of them) and who they can talk to if they have any concerns.

Ages 8~9 (School Year 4) We cover different kinds of families, similarities and differences between boys and girls, the emotional and physical changes of growing up (puberty) how babies are made, then develop in the womb etc. (reproduction). Looking after our bodies and how to be safe and healthy are also discussed

Ages 9-11 (School Years 5 & 6) Reproduction and puberty are re-capped, the children are given the opportunity to ask questions. As well as additional questions on puberty, they will often want more details on how babies develop and are born. Sometimes they ask if people can get germs from sex and how they can be prevented or there may be curiosity about feelings or body image, each group is different. Again, it is important they know there is someone in school as well as at home if they want help, advice or more information etc. (Information at this stage is vital to protect them as they move onto Senior School and to provide an alternative to Google etc)

All the resources BigTalk Education use are age appropriate and help keep children protected from unwanted touches, abuse, unsuitable images etc. Research now shows that children receiving this type of education are three times more likely to speak out if they are touched inappropriately etc.

Please come along to the **Parent Information Session on Wednesday 27th September 2017 at 5.30pm** when a Facilitator from BigTalk Education will cover in greater detail what is included and the vital role that Parents/Carers can play in keeping their children safe both now and into their teenage years. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions as a small group or individually

The book that accompanies this Programme "Bodies, Babies and Bellybuttons" will be available to purchase at the meeting at the discounted price of £8 (20% reduction on the usual on-line price of £9.99)

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I will be attending the meeting for Parent/Carers on

My Name

Name(s) of child(ren)Year Group(s)

