

Partnership

As a school community we are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers. We have taken the opportunity to share the new statutory requirements with you on our website so you are clear about the curriculum we intend to teach the children.

We also wish to inform you of your legal right to withdraw your children from some aspects of this work.

You should be aware that whilst parents are able to request their child is excused from those parts of lessons that are defined as “sex education” in the RSE curriculum parents cannot request their child be excused from any sex education covered in the Science curriculum. The Science curriculum includes discussion about human reproduction.

Discussion of sex within relationships education therefore provides opportunities to set this learning in the context of meaningful relationships, personal values, health and safety.



Your questions

We hope you, like us, will see the materials in Jigsaw as educationally sound and beneficial to our children, helping to safeguard them.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Hawker.

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Relationships and Sex Education(RSE)

As a part of your child’s educational experience at Holtsmere End Junior School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may be aware, from September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships Sex Education and Health Education **compulsory** in all schools. Along with other schools we are gradually introducing some of the changes throughout this school year.



Department for Education

What does the new guidance mean?

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

At Holtsmere End Junior School we use a resource called Jigsaw to deliver Relationships and Health Education. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (unit 1) and Changing Me (unit 2).

The Changing Me Puzzle includes, in every year group, 2 or 3 lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work. The younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for later year groups. The Years 5 and 6 lessons look more fully at puberty and human reproduction



The PSHE and RSE curriculum

For more detail about our PSHE curriculum offer, please go to the school's website and visit the PSHE tab.. You will be able to access a range of PSHE documents including our PSHE policy and sample lesson plans for RSE. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values. A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally.

If you have read the guidance and you are happy for your child to participate in the planned lessons please return the permission slip to school or contact the school office.