

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's educational experience at Field 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 the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

From September 2020 Department for Education guidance has made Relationships and Health Education **compulsory** in all primary schools.

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 will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships. Furthermore, this knowledge will help them to take responsibility for their own well-being now and in the future.

As with all statutory subjects, there is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education or Health Education or any content from the science curriculum. This means that pupils cannot be withdrawn from lessons on the changing adolescent body.

Parents do have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from sex education (defined in our PSHE policy) taught in year 6, following discussions with the head teacher.

How will this new statutory content for Relationship and Health Education be delivered?

The new statutory guidance from the DfE will form part of our school's PSHE education programme as detailed in our PSHE policy. This content will be taught progressively throughout the school, in every year group and it is monitored and reviewed regularly.

All teaching of PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school's vision 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.

Further information – located on school website under Parents Information PSHE Parental Engagement <https://fieldjm.herts.sch.uk/parents/parents-information/>

A copy of our new PSHE Policy, together with an overview of what learning objectives will be taught in each year group, has been uploaded to the school website for your information.

Further information on the new statutory requirements, together with frequently asked questions, are available on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools>

Parental engagement.

It is very important to us as a school that there is engagement between parents/carers and the school, to ensure that our children are given the best PSHE provision possible.

With this in mind, we would be grateful if you would take the time to complete our parent/carer survey to share your views and opinions. **This survey will be available for you to complete until Monday 24th May 2021**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/P3WCHDH>

We would suggest that you read the draft PSHE policy document, as well as the further information about the new statutory requirements, in particular the ‘frequently asked questions’ document, prior to completing the survey.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in delivering a quality and comprehensive PSHE education for your children.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Hunt – PSHE Lead

Mr R Woodhouse – Chair of Governors

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