

Parental consultation feedback:

Following on from our SurveyMonkey, which many of you responded to and we thank you for this. We have considered your feedback and would like to inform you of the changes we have made.

When asked how confident you felt about discussing relationships, puberty and human reproduction with your child/children, 51% of respondents stated they felt very confident and the other 49% stated they either felt somewhat confident or not at all. To provide support in this area we have attached the following link for parents/carers to read through. If you feel you would still like further support, please speak with your child's class teacher who will be able to explain the lessons to you.

<https://www.bigtalkeducation.co.uk/parents/>

When asked about the PSHRE/RSE policy being clearly written, the majority of respondents stated they felt it was very clearly written. If there is something a parent/carer feels unsure of about in the policy, parents are able to book a meeting with the headteacher, Ms L. M. Jones to discuss this.

When asked about how the school plans to deliver RSE, a vast majority of parents stated they were very confident in the school's plans and trusted the school to deliver the lessons in an age appropriate way. A respondent raised a concern that some of the vocabulary would not be age appropriate. However, following the government's introduction of statutory Health Education and Relationship Education, schools have an obligation to teach vocabulary so children understand their changing adolescent bodies. It also supports the safeguarding of children.

When asked about the DfE's guidance and the planned RSE covering all aims, all respondents stated they were confident or somewhat confident aims would be covered. A respondent stated they were unsure of what was actually being covered in each lesson. To provide further information in relation to what is covered in each lesson of the 'Changing Me' puzzle piece we have attached an overview for each phase to the school's website, clearly identifying what is taught in each of the six lessons.

When asked if there have been any areas not covered by the RSE and PSHRE policy, all respondents stated that everything had been covered. There will be no further changes to the content covered. All respondents also stated they know they can access the DfE guidance on the teaching of PSHRE curriculum content through the school website. If parents/carers are unable to find this through the website, they are able to contact the class teacher and a paper copy will be provided.

When asked if respondents understood their right to withdraw from Sex Education lessons in Years 4, 5 and 6 after a meeting with Ms Jones to discuss specific lesson content, all respondents stated they fully understood their rights. All respondents also stated that they understood they cannot withdraw their children from statutory Health and Relationship education.

When asked how confident they were that their child/children would be taught PSHRE in line with DfE guidance which is sensitive to religious and cultural background in a way that respects dignity and equality of all children, overall respondents were very confident it would be delivered appropriately. A comment questioned whether content would be delivered differently due to religious beliefs especially in relation to LGBT Education and we as a school would like to ensure parents that LGBT education, through JIGSAW, will be delivered in a cross-curricular manner and not as explicit lessons. Furthermore, children will not be excluded from lessons based upon religious beliefs, in line with DfE guidance.

When asked about being offered further support in helping their child/children to understand healthy relationships, healthy minds, healthy bodies, puberty and human reproduction, 36% of respondents requested further support. To aid this we have attached the following links:

Discussions about and understanding puberty:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/talk-about-puberty.html>

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/understanding-puberty.html>

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/Parenting-children-through-puberty>

Sexual reproduction

(Please be aware that although this website is a great source of knowledge, it is based for an Australian audience)

<http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetailsKids.aspx?id=1613&np=289&p=335>

Health:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/keeping-healthy>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/getting-started/how-to-start-a-conversation-with-children-and-young-people-about-mental-health/>

Should you still require further support, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.