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**To be the best we can be.**

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12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## RSE

***\*\*Please accept my sincere apologies for the short notice. I have only realised that the message sent on 2<sup>nd</sup> May failed and therefore this communication has not been shared with you. Originally, I had planned for parents to view the materials this week. Due to our covid situation, this will now happen AFTER the parents meeting.\*\****

As a part of your child's educational experience at Barnfield Primary 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 already be aware, the Department of Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect in September 2020, with all schools to comply with updated requirements by September 2021.

The statutory guidance can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

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 educational, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own wellbeing.

Consequently, from September 2020, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, will be statutory, and form part of the National Curriculum. This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:



- Age
- Physical and Emotional Maturity
- Religious and Cultural Backgrounds
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Whilst there may be difference of opinion about what the Government is now including as statutory, we hope that the work we have undertaken with our Governors, specifically Parent Governors, demonstrates how the above has been thoughtfully taken into consideration by the school. Due to the restrictions imposed over the last 15 months, a significant amount of work has been conducted via our Parent Governors before seeking your views more widely.

To help you understand the curriculum requirements, the following documents can be found on the school website which I would encourage you to read. This includes:

- A summary of what all pupils are expected to know by the end of primary school
- Our RSE policy (due to be ratified shortly by Governors)
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements
- CPW (RSE scheme of work) information for parents and carers
- PowerPoint introduction to RSE
- Additional information

<https://barnfieldschool.co.uk/key-information/relationships-and-health-education/>

We will also be holding a virtual parent information session on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm** where myself and our external advisor, Andrew Pembroke will be able to share the requirements of the curriculum, how we are implementing this, share a selection of the resources used in class and answer any questions you may have.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82951406567?pwd=T0VLVnQxMkpLQzBwV2RraWY3b3FFZz09>

Meeting ID: 829 5140 6567

Passcode: BPSRSE

To help you get the most out of this session, please read the above documents and email the school office with any questions you may have.

**If you would like to see a selection of the resources used to support our teaching, please join me on zoom, using the above link on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm. This replaces the workshops we were planning to hold this week but have had to postpone due to the current number of covid cases. Unfortunately, due to copyright, we are unable to upload the resources online.**

**Please email questions or comments by 9am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May, putting RSE question in the header.**

We are also inviting parents and carers to come into school to view the materials we will be using after half term to teach RSE. This is something we would normally do with Y5 and 6 parents as part of usual arrangements. However, with the ongoing restrictions still in place, and with our recent covid cases, we are having to do this in a different way.

Parents are invited to come in on:

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June - 9.05am – 10.00am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June– 2.00pm – 2.45pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June– 5.00pm – 5.45pm (In the music room, please note, due to social distancing, younger children are not able to attend)

Materials will be able to be viewed in the school gym. Please ensure you wear a face covering, unless medically exempt and maintain social distancing. There will be a senior teacher leader present.

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We are looking forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind regards



Lisa Golding

Headteacher