



Dear Parents and Carers,

Relationship and Sex Education (RSE)

From 2020 all primary schools in England are required to teach Relationship Education and Health Education. This is in addition to the statutory national science curriculum.

Our RSE policy is available on the school website.

We will be using the Shropshire Respect Yourself RSE scheme of work. This has been quality assured by the PSHE Association and has won national awards. It has been adopted by many schools across Telford and Wrekin and will provide an appropriate curriculum for the teaching of RSE between both our two schools. (Newport Infant and Newport Junior School). The Respect Yourself scheme of work provides age appropriate progression and a consistency of approach.

The primary scheme delivers under the key headings: Choices and Challenges, Changes and Care and Commitment.

It covers families and people who care for me, caring friendships, respectful relationships, online relationships and being safe.

We are clear that parents are the prime educators for children on these matters and we are committed to a home school partnership, which supports and is consistent with our duties under the Equalities Act and Safeguarding.

Classroom teachers will deliver the programme, with support from outside agencies as appropriate. There is an opportunity for pupils to work in small groups and exercises are adapted for differing levels of cognitive ability and developmental level. We encourage pupils to ask questions and we respond to their issues, concerns and queries in a straightforward manner, using age appropriate language and factually correct information.

We are delivering the lessons during the summer term and wish to invite you to a meeting to discuss the programme, see the resources and the policy and ask any questions you may have.

The meeting will be led by Alice Cruttwell, the author of the Respect Yourself scheme of work. It will be held at Newport Junior School on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 5pm.

The meeting is for parents from both schools to attend.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the sex education element of the curriculum, but not the relationship, science or health education curriculum. The DfE have produced a leaflet for parents "understanding relationship and health education in your child's school: primary" <http://www.gov.uk>

Yours sincerely

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