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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that within the next few weeks we will be delivering Relationships Education across the school. We use a relationships education programme that starts in Year R and progresses up to Year 6. The children are taught at a level appropriate to their age, with reference to friendships, family relationships, and relationships with other peers and adults.

From Year 3 onwards, children are taught in an age-appropriate way about puberty and the associated physical and emotional changes. This is part of statutory Health Education.

In Year 5 as part of the statutory Science curriculum, children learn about how reproduction occurs in some plants and animals.

It is important to note that you cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education and the Science Curriculum because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

In addition to this, the DfE guidance 2019 also recommends that all primary schools have a sex education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of pupils, and this should include how a baby is conceived and born. Although sex education is not compulsory in primary schools, we believe children should understand the facts about human reproduction before they leave primary school. We therefore provide some non-statutory sex education, covering how human reproduction and conception occurs. This is included in the "Families, Conception & Pregnancy" unit in the summer term of Year 6. All lessons are delivered by class teachers using our PSHE provider SCARF.

The non-statutory lessons are in Y4 - 6 and cover the following subjects:

- That for a baby to be made, a sperm from the father and an egg from the mother must meet (Year 4)
- That when a sperm and egg meet this is called conception; that conception usually occurs as a result of sexual intercourse, and what sexual intercourse means (Year 6)
- How a baby develops in the womb and how babies are born (Year 6).

On our website you will also find our full Relationships and Sex Education Policy.

Please do get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions about the lessons. As these are non-statutory lessons, if you wish, your child can be withdrawn from these lessons. Please email to the parents@westoverprimary.co.uk email address if you wish to do so.

Many thanks

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