

Dear Families,

On the week commencing the **20<sup>th</sup> June**, the children will be taking part in a '**Changing Me**' week in which all children will be learning about their changing bodies and how to prepare themselves physically and emotionally for these changes.

At Floreat Wandsworth Primary School, as part of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) provision to pupils, we deliver a comprehensive **Relationships and Health Education Curriculum**. We ensure that all statutory objectives are adequately covered so that all children learn about different relationships, different families, physical/mental health and wellbeing and staying safe. Children will also learn about puberty and their changing bodies across the school.

**As of September 2020, the Department for Education made Relationships and Health Education compulsory in all primary schools.** Parents and carers do not have the right to withdraw their children from lessons that cover statutory Relationships and Health Education objectives, nor any lessons which cover National Curriculum science objectives, including all information on puberty and human bodily changes.

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As a team, the teachers of Floreat Wandsworth have worked together to ensure that our curriculum is delivered in a safe and age-appropriate way as part of our duty of care to all pupils at this school. We encourage parents and carers to view our **PSSHRE policy** as part of our commitment to foster a strong partnership with parents and carers:

[https://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/FW%20PSSHRE%20Policy\(1\).pdf](https://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/FW%20PSSHRE%20Policy(1).pdf)

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To help support you at home, follow the link below for a **summary of the vocabulary** that is to be taught in each year group as part of our 'Changing Me' week:

<https://www.floreatwandsworth.org.uk/ckfinder/userfiles/files/FW%20Changing%20Me%20Week%20Vocabulary.pdf>

This table relates directly to the Relationships and Health Curriculum, which is compulsory for all pupils, as well as some elements of the Science programme of study.

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In line with best practice, as part of Changing Me week, we will also be delivering supplementary Sex Education content. **These lessons include learning about sexual intercourse in Years 4, 5 and 6.** We feel that this is in the best interests of our pupils after listening to feedback from our community including pupils, parents and staff. This change will help pupils to:

- gain an accurate level of understanding throughout their final few years of primary school
- avoid common misconceptions

Parents and carers within Year 4, 5 and 6 do have the right to withdraw their child from the parts of the lessons that cover this non-statutory content (Year 4, Lesson 2; Year 5, Lesson 4; Year 6, Lesson 3).

Year 4	Parental right to withdraw from select parts of: <b>Year 4, Lesson 2 (Having a baby)</b>  <b>Content:</b> Children will learn that the merging of male and female gametes is the result of sexual intercourse. Children will <u>not</u> learn what the act of sexual intercourse is.
Year 5	Parental right to withdraw from: <b>Year 5, Lesson 4 (Conception)</b>  <b>Content:</b> Children will learn what occurs during sexual intercourse.
Year 6	Parental right to withdraw from: <b>Year 6, Lesson 3 (Conception, birth)</b>  <b>Content:</b> Children will learn about the development of a baby from conception to birth, including how a baby is born.

However, we would urge any parents and carers considering withdrawing their child from these lessons to consider what is being taught, how it is being taught and how important this education is for all children. Primary Sex Education ensures children have the knowledge to keep them safe and prepares them for statutory Sex Education in KS3.

Any children who are withdrawn from select parts of our curriculum offer will be provided with alternative learning in another learning space for the duration of this input.

Parents of pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend a **Parent & Staff Meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 8.40am in the hall** to discuss the curriculum and resources that will be used and discuss any concerns they may have.

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We hope that you agree that this education is vitally important for children and that this knowledge be taught in a safe environment and at an age-appropriate level. We look forward to exploring these objectives with your children and we will provide a nurturing environment where they will feel safe and comfortable.

Kind regards,

The FW Leadership Team