

Relationships and Health Education Consultation launched on 16th March 2020 via ParentMail

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) which will come into effect from September 2020. All schools will need to comply with the updated requirements.

Whilst we are clear that parents and carers are prime educators in the role of Relationships Education, we want to be sure that our RSE provision is appropriate for our children, so that they will grow up healthy, happy, safe and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern life. Relationships Education in schools is designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. As an Infant School, we will not be expected to teach Sex Education. The Science Curriculum covers the naming of general body parts and the process of reproduction is introduced through examples such as egg, caterpillar, pupa, butterfly; spawn, tadpole, frog; baby toddler, child, teenager, adult.

We are reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure that our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils, based on their age and maturity levels, plus their religious and cultural backgrounds. We want to encourage our children to be accepting, tolerant and inclusive.

There are two ways you can help and support us.

- 1. By joining a focus group which will meet at Crawley Ridge Infants on **Wednesday** 25th March at 9.00 for about an hour
- 2. By reading the curriculum requirements (SEE link to '<u>Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents</u>') and responding via school email

The focus group will look at the RSE Expectations set by the Department for Education and see how these fit into our Crawley Ridge Relationships Policy. If you would like to participate in the focus group, please email school@cri.tamat.org.uk by Friday 20th March.

The focus group meeting should take no more than one hour.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Williamson

Co-Head of School



Outcome of Consultation – shared via ParentMail 25th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

In light of upcoming changes to requirements for Relationships and Health Education (RHE), we have been consulting with parents and staff on how we can make sure that our updated RHE curriculum meets the new requirements as well as the needs of our pupils.

We have worked hard to make sure that our new curriculum reflects:

- Our pupils' age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- The values of our school community
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world

We have now updated our RHE policy. You will find a copy of this draft policy attached to this letter. If you have any feedback regarding the policy and the statutory curriculum content, please email your comments to CRI School school@cri.tamat.org.uk by Friday 3rd July.

Yours sincerely,

Hazel Williamson

Co-Head of School