Re: Teaching of RSE during the summer term

Dear Drayton and Nightingale Parents and Carers,

Drayton Community Infant School and Nightingale Infant and Nursery School pride themselves on teaching effective, age-appropriate Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) that meets the needs of all of our pupils within an inclusive and supportive learning environment; using non-biased resources. RSE is now statutory in schools and is taught during the summer term by teachers who know the children well. The content for RSE is based around Relationship Education at Infant School, developing into Relationship and Sex Education into Junior and High School. We are committed to preparing your child to live and learn safely in the modern world, negotiating the transition into increasing independence with the development of knowledge, values and skills to make positive, healthy and safe choices.

RSE will deliver a 'spiral' curriculum that enables pupils to build on their prior learning by revisiting some of the themes to further develop knowledge, values and skills in an age and stage-appropriate manner. As such, some themes are repeated to enable a deeper exploration of the related issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that none of the teaching materials or strategies should shock pupils. All lessons will be taught in a strictly non-judgmental and non-biased manner, to allow your child the opportunity to consider the information and develop their own values, attitudes and opinions about the topic. We would encourage you to discuss your child's relationships and sex education with them at home. This is an opportunity for you to share your family values in relation to the topics, building strong channels of communication about emotions, the human body and relationships with your child.

A copy of the themes covered by year group and tips for talking with your child can be found on our website within our curriculum page. Please take time to familiarise yourself with the things your child will be learning about. In addition to this information, our RSE policy is also available. On each of our websites you will find the lesson plans for each year group so you can see exactly what is being taught.

If you would like to know more about our planned curriculum of RSE please contact the school to arrange a discussion on an individual basis.

Yours sincerely,

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