Edenfield C E Primary School

Thursday 29th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

The new compulsory curriculum for RSE (relationships and sex education) for all primary aged pupils came into force in September 2020, with an extension until 2021 to fulfil all the statutory requirements (due to the partial school closures during 2020 and 2021). All schools must have in place a written policy for Relationships Education and RSE. Schools must also consult parents in developing and reviewing their RSE policy. We need to ensure that the policy meets the needs of pupils and parents, and reflects the community we serve.

The role of parents in the development of their children's understanding about relationships is vital. Parents are the first teachers of their children. They have the most significant influence in enabling their children to grow and mature and to form healthy relationships. We want to work closely with parents when planning and delivering this subject and ensure that you know what will be taught and when, and clearly communicate the fact that parents have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some, or all, of sex education delivered as part of statutory RSE.

Parents should be given every opportunity to understand the purpose and content of Relationships Education and RSE. Good communication and opportunities for parents to understand and ask questions about the school's approach help increase confidence in the curriculum. Therefore, we would like to invite you to a presentation evening on **Monday 10th May at 6pm** (originally scheduled for the summer term 2020), via Microsoft Teams, so that we can share our school policy, inform you on all aspects of the curriculum (specifically those areas which are compulsory and which are optional) and answer any questions you may have.

Please be reassured that the main aim of the RSE curriculum is that children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way. Teaching about mental wellbeing is central to these subjects, especially as a priority for parents is their children's happiness. We know that children and young people are increasingly experiencing challenges, and that young people are at particular risk of feeling lonely. The new subject content will give them the knowledge and capability to take care of themselves and receive support if problems arise. All of this content should support the wider work of schools in helping to foster pupil wellbeing and develop resilience and character that we know are fundamental to pupils being happy, successful and productive members of society. Central to this is pupils' ability to believe that they can achieve goals, both academic and personal; to stick to tasks that will help them achieve those goals.

None of the non-compulsory curriculum will be taught until after the presentation evening so that parents will have adequate time to read the information and exercise their right to withdraw. Details and the link to the meeting will be issued next week. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could indicate on the slip overleaf, if you intend to attend.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Garner
Headteacher

RSE Presentation Evening for Parents Monday 10th May 2021

I will/will not (please circle) be attending the RSE presentation evening, via Microsoft Teams, on Monday 10th May at 6pm.

Child's name ..... Signed ..... (parent / carer)