

FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 – Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)

Over the next few weeks, the children will be covering aspects of their Sex and Relationships Education.

Sex and Relationships Education is part of the curriculum from Year 1 to Year 6. Throughout the school, children are encouraged to develop the self-esteem and confidence that they need to respond safely and responsibly to situations as they arise, both while they are at school and in the future.

The lessons comprise of watching age-appropriate television programmes which address the main issues. The programme will then be followed up by activities and discussion, led by the class teachers.

The following is a summary of the areas that will be touched on in SRE in Year 5. Please be reassured that these topics will be dealt with appropriately for the age of the children.

Year 5 Summer 2	Girl Talk	 To consider the physical and emotional changes that take place as girls go through puberty To address concerns and worries of young women
		To make boys more aware of the changes that occur as girls become young women
	Boy Talk	• To consider the physical and emotional changes that take place as boys go through puberty
		To address the concerns and worries of young people
		To make girls more aware of the changes that occur as boys become young men

Please note that, as there has been a break from our normal SRE programme, there may be a need for the children to 'catch up' some elements of the Year 3 & 4 materials. The teachers will assess this at the start of the SRE sessions, but additional topics covered may be:

Year 3 Summer 2	Changes	To introduce children to the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty
		 To consider some of the changes over which we have no control and the choices we can make concerning those over which we do have control
Year 4 Spring 2	How babies are made	To explain how babies are made
		To explore the idea of relationships, including friendships, parent-child and family relationships and adult sexual relationships
Year 4 Summer 2	How babies are born	To explain how a baby develops in the womb during pregnancy and how babies are born
		To consider the needs of babies before and after birth
		To enable children to reflect on their roles and relationships in the family

Parents have the right to withdraw their child from parts of Sex and Relationships Education, which are not covered by the National Curriculum for Science. Any parent wishing to do so should inform the headteacher in writing.

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