

# Kilby St Mary's Church of England (Aided) Primary School



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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department of Education have announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) These changes begin as of this year and all schools are required to comply. At Kilby St Mary's Primary School, we aim to provide age- appropriate relationships and sex education to all pupils as part of the school's curriculum. We have thought carefully when planning this curriculum, taking into account pupils' age, physical and emotional maturity, religious and cultural background and special educational needs or disabilities. We want to assure parents, carers and pupils that all aspects of RSE will be delivered sensitively, in a safe space, allowing time for questions at a level that is appropriate for the pupils understanding.

We know that your role as parents and carers in the development of your child's understanding about relationships is vital. Your influence and guidance is pivotal in enabling your children to grow and mature and to form healthy relationships. Our school recognises this key role in supporting your child's development, physically, mentally and emotionally and we therefore seek to work in partnership with you by informing you of our plans for delivering RSE.

As part of our wider curriculum area of Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) your child will soon be receiving lessons on RSE. In usual times, we would invite you in to discuss the content of this curriculum and share the teaching resources with you. Unfortunately, at the moment we are unable to do this. We can however, share with you the curriculum overview on our website. Here you can see the content of the lessons and questions we will be addressing in each unit. Here you can also find our draft RSE policy. [www.kilby.leics.sch.uk](http://www.kilby.leics.sch.uk)

If you would like to offer any feedback about the draft policy as part of our consultation with parents, comments should be sent via email to the school on [office@kilby.leics.sch.uk](mailto:office@kilby.leics.sch.uk) by the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Your child cannot be withdrawn from relationships or health education, as the content of this (family, health, friendships and safety- including online safety) is important for all children. It ensures that no child is left ill equipped to deal with modern life and therefore, vulnerable.

However, as parents and carers, you do have the right to request that your child be withdrawn from some or all of the Sex Education units of work (except those delivered through the science curriculum) We must stress that children and young people who are withdrawn from these sessions can be left feeling uninformed and confused and can be less confident in having healthy conversations about relationships in their future life. If you are concerned about this aspect of RSE, we would strongly urge you to talk to us first to discuss any issues. If, after careful consideration, you wish to withdraw your child, please put your request in writing to the Head Teacher.

Thank-you for taking the time to read this letter, and you are welcome to contact us to discuss any aspect of our RSE curriculum via phone or email.

Yours Sincerely,  
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Headteacher

Polly Melenaphy  
RSHE Coordinator



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