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Dear Parents and Carers

Relationships Education

This letter is to inform you that in the second half of the summer term, your child will be taking part in age appropriate Relationships Education.

Relationships Education sits within the area of the curriculum that builds progressively in all aspects of personal, social, health and economic education. However, we at Stowford School acknowledge that parents are the key people in teaching their children about sex and relationships and growing up and therefore we would like to work closely with you.

Please do look at our Relationships Education Policy (on the school website or ask for a paper copy from the office) where you will be able to see in full our aims and the material we will cover. In brief, although we will educate the children about all the physical aspects we will show a strong bias towards the social and emotional aspects of relationships. Most importantly, we will carry on supporting the development of the following values:

- o respect for self
- o respect for others
- o responsibilities for their own actions
- o responsibilities for their family, friends, school and wider community.

As a parent, you do have the right to withdraw your child from the Sex and Relationship Education that is NOT covered within the National Curriculum Science but we would strongly urge you to speak to your class teacher in the first instance, or Mrs. Williams (Headteacher) or the PSHE Coordinator (Mr Green) if you are considering this. We feel confident that a chat with us about what we are teaching and how we propose to teach it will put any concerns you have to rest.

As the year progresses do feel that you can carry on asking us about lesson content, how we are teaching it and come and see the resources we are using. Hopefully your child may want to talk to you as well. If they do raise any questions that you are unsure whether to answer or not, or indeed the best way to answer it, again please do come and talk to us so that we can make sure we are all supporting your child in a way that suits them best.

Thank you for your partnership and support.

Yours sincerely

Sue Williams

Mrs S. Williams
Headteacher

