St. Giles CE Primary School

Achieving Through Adventure

Monday 14th November 2022

Relationship and Sex Education consultation

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Many thanks for taking time to respond to the short survey which we sent last week regarding our school's curriculum for sex education.

You may recall that sex education within primary schools is non-statutory so we are further consulting with parents to ensure our curriculum is clearly defined, age-appropriate and sensitive.

A summary of the responses we have received are available below:

- ✓ 100% of the parents who responded to our survey stated that they would consent for their children, 'to be taught sex education, in a sensitive and age-appropriate context'.
- ✓ The majority of respondents felt comfortable talking to their children about growing up, relationships and sex education.
- ✓ Most respondents said that they had some understanding of the school's current policy (with the average response being 3 out of 5).
- ✓ The majority of respondents kindly offered to take part in our new Parents' Forum during which we'll consider 'age appropriate and sensitive'.
- ✓ Please find below extracts from the small number of additional comments:
    - *I know it's a difficult subject to explore and also teach at the right level but think by de-stigmatising the subject it can prevent a lot of misinformation.*
    - *We are already getting snippets of playground conversations so it would be good to know what is age appropriate*.
    - *I would like to see diversity in types of families and relationships discussed more specifically included at earlier ages, if it isn't already?*

What happens next?

Now that we have completed our consultation, we would like to meet with parents as part of our new Parents' Forum to better understand our the views of our parents.

Our staff will also take part in the same process and we will use resources and advice provided from an experienced Health and Well Being Consultant from the local authority.

Parents' Forum

I would very much like to meet and work with parents as we look to further improve our school for all of our children.

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Whilst we engage with families informally every day, Mr. Williams and I would like to establish a termly Parents' Forum, which will provide a more structured approach. We'd like to invite all parents to our meetings within our school.

Rest assured there will be tea, coffee and biscuits whilst we share our views and thoughts about several areas which we'd like to further improve.

Dates and times for our first Parents' Forum:

- Wednesday 23rd November: 5 p.m.
- Friday 25th November: 9 a.m.

The two areas which we'd like to explore during our first Parents' Forums are regarding sex education and how the ways in which we communicate as a school. The later area was by Mr. Williams and I following our recent survey.

I hope to be able to welcome as many parents as possible into school. I hope that the two times enable a broad range of parents to pop into school for our short forums (which typically last around 30 minutes). We will ensure that we take informal notes during the meetings and these will be shared with all of our parents via our website.

Finally, I would like to remind and reassure parents that you have the right to request that your child/ren can be excused from sex education within the teaching of RSE.

Once again I would like to say thank you for taking time to complete our RSE survey and for continuing to make me feel so welcome. I hope to see you at one of our scheduled meetings over the next few weeks.

Many thanks,



Ben O'Connell
Headteacher