St. Giles CE Primary School

Achieving Through Adventure

Monday 7th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you safe and well.

Many thanks for welcoming me to St. Giles during the first half term. It has been lovely to start to work with the staff and children at St. Giles. It has been a busy and successful half term during which the staff and I have focused on strengthening our curriculum and how we deliver this. It has been lovely to see the children benefit from the caring provision offered by all of our staff.

Rest assured that there are exciting plans lined up for our school: our consultation regarding our teacher led nursery has been positive and we are now liaising with the Trust to pursue this. We also have several staff members within the partnership just starting their Forest Schools training. This means that, once the year of training is completed, we'll be able to have teacher-led Forest Schools at St. Giles.

Teaching of Relationships and Sex Education

As part of the review of all aspects of our curriculum, we are carefully considering our current policy for the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. You can view our agreed policy on our website: www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk/relationships-and-health-education.

Relationships education is part of our planned curriculum and our current policy broadly identifies what our children are taught. This is a statutory requirement for all primary schools.

However, the staff and I would like to further consult with parents specifically about the school's agreed and considered approach to sex education. It is up to each school to determine whether it teaches sex education (as sex education is non-statutory within primary schools). Each school is advised to consult with parents about this area.

St. Giles has an agreed policy and this outlines the curriculum content for sex education in our school. However, this information is grouped into several phases and year groups and I would like to clarify precisely what is taught in every year group, from Early Years through to Year 6.

Here's how you can help

Please can you spare a minute or two to complete our short, anonymous survey regarding the teaching of sex education within our primary setting? We would like to consult with parents as we carefully consider our sex education curriculum.

- ✓ Please can complete this short, anonymous survey to help us better plan our Relationships and Sex Education curriculum: https://forms.office.com/r/hZ42YRKCvX

Please remember that you can visit our school's (www.stgilesceprimarymatlock.co.uk) website where you will find:

- ✓ A copy of our current school policy for the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education.
- ✓ Within our current policy there is a summary of what all pupils are expected to have been taught by the end of each year group or phase.

Thank you in advance for taking time to consider and complete our short survey. Much appreciated.

What happens next?

- Monday 7th November 2022: Parent consultation opens.
- Sunday 13th November 2022: Consultation closes.
- Monday 14th November 2022: Review results and share with parents and staff.
- Wednesday 30th November: Results shared with the school's governors who will discuss the outcomes during their meeting.

If parents support that sex education should continue to be taught in an 'appropriate and sensitive' manner, then we will:

- Provide staff training to carefully sequence the precise learning, and vocabulary, for each year group;
- Parents' Forum to further consider what areas could be included in our curriculum. This will be led by myself.
- Children's thoughts on what they would like to learn during RSE lessons.
- Curriculum drafted for sharing with staff.
- Finalised curriculum and policy shared with parents.

Finally, I would like to remind and reassure all that parents have the right to request that their child be excused from sex education within RSE only.

Many thanks in advance for taking time to complete the short survey and for making me feel so welcome.

Many thanks,



Ben O'Connell