

Parents and Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Brownhill Learning Community, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme.

PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

I am writing to let you know that, during the academic year, your child's class will be taking part in lessons, which will focus on the relationships and sex education (RSE) aspect of this programme.

Lessons in KS3 and KS4 will include pupils learning about:

Healthy relationships, including friendships; families and romantic relationships; LGBT; growing and changing, including puberty; personal hygiene, including sexual health; pregnancy; contraceptives; prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; changing feelings; becoming more independent; keeping safe, including online and sexting; Consent; developing self-esteem and confidence including body image issues.

During the curriculum, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Sections of the RSE curriculum are statutory and would require parents to meet with The Head Teacher to discuss why their child should be withdrawn from the curriculum. All PSHE teaching will take place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school's ethos and values. You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school.

If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school. All materials used are available for you to browse through should you so wish. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, we would urge you to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Brownhill Learning Community works together to improve pupil outcomes across 3 bases:

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