



The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6,

As part of our aim to help our children be healthy, safe and responsible, we teach Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons. Relationships Education is also now compulsory in all primary schools and we teach this as part of PSHE. This half term, from week commencing 14th March, we will be teaching lessons covered by our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy.

In Year 6, we will cover the following objectives:

- to consider puberty and **reproduction**
- to consider physical & emotional behaviour in relationships
- **to explore the process of conception and pregnancy**
- to explore positive and negative ways of communicating in a relationship

All elements of our PSHE lessons are taught in an age-appropriate and sensitive way. Teachers are fully aware of the need for religious, family and cultural sensitivity and respect the backgrounds of all our children. Please visit our school website to read our Relationships and Sex Education policy. An information video will be shared with parents and carers at the start of next half term. If you have any outstanding questions, please make contact with your child's class teacher.

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from the non-statutory components classed as sex education within PSHE. For Year 6, these are the lesson objectives in **bold** above. If you wish to withdraw your child, please complete Appendix 3 of the Relationships and Sex Education policy, available on the school website, and return it to school by Friday 27th May 2022. While we accept that parents may wish to exercise this right, we would strongly urge that you support the programme and encourage your child to participate fully in lessons. It is vitally important that your child receives' clear and relevant information rather than picking up misinformation from peers or other sources.

Yours sincerely,

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