



Bluecoat Primary
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22nd May 2018

Relationships Day

You may have noticed in the *Key Dates* section of the newsletter that we plan to take part in Nottingham City's first annual RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) Day on Wednesday 27th June. RSE is not just about teaching children about reproduction. It is more about educating children about healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to stay physically healthy. Nottingham City has worked hard to become nationally recognised as a local authority that is using RSE to improve the health and life chances of its children.

We plan to undertake two activities for RSE day this year - one for our children and one for our parents.

For the children, we are going to undertake some fun activities to explore the different relationships they have - friends, close family, extended family, teachers etc. We are going to produce a collage display in school which depicts lots of photographs of happy healthy families and friendships, along with the key words to show what makes a good relationship (e.g. trust, kindness, forgiveness, care, respect, talk, honesty and fairness). Please note, we will not be talking about sexual relationships in any way.

To help us to do this, it would be great if you could bring in a photograph of your child and another person or people who they have a good relationship with. This could be a family portrait or a selfie with a cousin - anything at all. As we will be putting the photos on display in school, we will not be able to return the photos to you so please only send photos that you are happy for us to keep.

The second event that we have planned for the day is for you, our parents. We know that the mention of RSE can cause uncertainty for some parents, raising many questions such as:

- **What will you tell my child?**
- **Is my child too young to hear these messages?**
- **Can I opt out of RSE if I want to?**
- **How do I deal with difficult questions that my child may ask?**

We will be holding three drop-in sessions on this day to allow you to gain an understanding of our policy, what we teach in each year group, and what your rights are if you do not want your child to participate in these sessions. We will also have a selection of the resources that we use out for your to look at and it will be a good opportunity for you to give us some feedback on our approach to SRE and ask any questions you may have.

Please turn over.....

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These sessions will be held in the school hall at the following times on **Wednesday 27th June**:

08:30-09:30

14:30-15:30

17:00-17:30

Don't worry if you are not able to attend but want to find out more, we will post as much of the information on our school website as we can, along with a form to complete if you would like to discuss anything further.

The aim of RSE is not to bombard children with too much information too young but to build up information slowly over each year at school so that our children are able to make healthy and informed choices in the future.

Some aspects of RSE are statutory and part of the National Curriculum, other elements are not. I would hope that there are no objections to our children talking about normal, everyday relationships that they have, however if you **do not** want your child to take part in the activities about relationships on Wednesday 27th June, then please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this letter by **Friday 22nd June**.

Reply slip: Relationships Day - Wednesday 27th June 2018

Only send this reply slip back to school if you **DO NOT** want your child to take part in the planned activities about the positive relationships they have.

I do not want my child to take part in the activities about relationships on Wednesday 27th June 2018

Childs Name:

Childs Class:

Parent Name:

Parent Sign: