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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to make you aware of the content of our Science lessons over the Summer Term. This is in line with the current National Curriculum teaching guidelines and covers aspects of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). This is the same teaching sequence that has taken place in previous years.

As stated in our RSE policy:

*“Relationships education is **compulsory** in primary schools from 2020, so all pupils must take part in these lessons. Sex education is **not** compulsory for primary schools. **Pupils will learn about puberty** through a variety of ways including talks delivered by health professionals and as part of science and health education lessons in year 4/5/6. **Other aspects of sex education will not be covered unless safeguarding concerns determine otherwise.**”*

We are NOT teaching Sex Education.

We will be teaching the following content:

- Reproduction in some plants and animals
- Puberty – for boys and girls
- Looking ahead – changes as we grow up

As part of our teaching sequence about the changes in the human body during puberty, we will divide Ash and Spruce according to their recognised gender. During these lessons, children will have the opportunity to lead their own learning through asking questions of their own.

If you have any questions about the content of the National Curriculum, please voice these to us. As stated above, this is a compulsory requirement of us therefore withdrawal is not an option but a conversation would be most welcome if you feel it would put your mind at rest. Our long terms plans can be read on our website.

Kind regards,

Mr Owen