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## Relationship and Sex Education (SRE)

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may know, from September 2020 all schools have had to offer statutory Relationship, Sex and Health Education (SRE) to all children until the end of Year 11.

These SRE lessons will run from the start of the next half term (November) until the end of the Spring half term (February). You'll find more details of what they're learning below, alongside the order in which it will be taught. To help keep an open dialogue with your child during this time, we've also included some top tips for talking to them about SRE on the back of this letter.

	Recognising a wide range of emotions. Responding to their own, and other people's emotions.	Anticipate body changes, understanding that some are related to puberty.	Acceptable and unacceptable physical behaviours and how to respond.	That differences and similarities between people arise from a number of factors including family types and personal identity.	That marriage is a commitment freely entered into.	Knowing when to ask for help to manage a situation, and how skills to ask for help.
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Finally, you'll find a link below to the BBC programme on puberty that we use in class. (Please note that we do not know how long this link will be active, so this may be subject to change.)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b075914k/operation-ouch-series-4-10-dont-panic-about-puberty-special>

Hopefully you'll find this information useful. However, please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or feel there is anything they may need to be aware of.

Thank you for your continued support.

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### Top tips for talking to your child...

Talking to your child about their feelings, relationships and changing body is important. Building good channels of communication throughout childhood can help your child to communicate with you as future issues of increasing seriousness arise.

Your child needs to know that it's OK to talk, and that you're happy to talk. They will learn this through your body language, tone and manner when you talk so try to behave as you would in any other topic of conversation.

Below are simple strategies to make talking about feelings, relationships and the body more comfortable:

- ✓ Start by talking about something that you both find comfortable, such as feelings and emotions.
- ✓ Ask your child what they think their friends know/think about the topic, as this provides a way to talk about your child's views indirectly.
- ✓ Avoid 'The Chat'. Talk about these topics little and often over everyday events like playing, drawing, whilst driving in the car or watching TV. This can help to normalise the conversation, easing uncomfortable feelings.
- ✓ Reading a story book containing relevant content is a helpful way to stimulate discussion with your child.
- ✓ Don't leave it too late. Start talking about relevant topics before you feel your child is approaching a level of curiosity about it, so you establish strong channels of communication in readiness.
- ✓ Be prepared to listen. Your child will want to have their voice heard without feeling judged. Feeling listened to will encourage your child to talk about issues in the future.
- ✓ If your child asks you a question you are not sure how to answer, don't panic! Let them know that you will answer it at another time, making sure you remember to. Sometimes a simple answer can provide a sufficient response.
- ✓ Try to listen calmly, even if what they say surprises or concerns you. Remember that it is good that they are comfortable to discuss issues with you. They need to trust that you will not respond negatively.

**Make sure your child knows they can always talk to you  
anytime, about anything.**