

28th May 2010

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 Sex and Relationships Education

We will shortly be beginning some work in Year 6 about 'Growing and Changing'. This work forms part of an ongoing programme of Sex and Relationships Education, which we deliver throughout the school. The 'Growing and Changing' topic covers some elements of Science and some Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE). Your children have already engaged in the following questions as part of their PSHE work, sometimes within other subjects, particularly Religious Education, History, PE and English:

What qualities do I value in people I know and my role models?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What practical methods can I use to maintain and improve my relationships?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What sort of relationships do I have and how have they changed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does it mean to respect others, especially other lifestyles and beliefs?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can I stop germs spreading?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do I live safely in a complex society? (drug awareness, internet safety, being safe out and about)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why are love and trust important?	

Additionally, the life cycle of plants and some animals have been studied in the earlier years. The remaining programme of study will engage with:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can I keep my growing and changing body clean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Does everyone change at the same rate?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What happens to the bodies of boys and girls when they reach puberty?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What should adults think about before they have a baby?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can I express my feelings positively as I grow up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How are babies made and born?

We encourage you to discuss any of these areas with your children before, during or after our topic, as children and young people say that they greatly value being able to talk to their parents about these issues. It may be useful to refer to the booklets enclosed with this letter. Our 'Growing and Changing' Unit of Work is based on the Channel 4 Sex and Relationship Education Programme, together with the school's chosen scheme, Smart Learning "Teaching PSHE and Citizenship" and with the advice of Healthy Schools Sheffield. We have carefully reviewed the resources we use to support our teaching, to ensure they are appropriate to the age and needs of the children.

There will be an opportunity for parents to preview some of the content of these DVDs if they wish, on Tuesday 8th June at 4 pm. Please return the reply slip below indicating if you will or will not be attending this session.

You have the right to withdraw your child from the elements of SRE which are not included in the National Curriculum for Science. Please contact the Headmaster if you would like to discuss this. If you would like to discuss any issues relating to our work on 'Growing and Changing', or to find out more about the lessons, please contact your child's form teacher.

Yours sincerely

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Reply slip – Preview session of Sex and Relationships DVDs. Please return to your form tutor

Child's Name:	
I will be attending the session on Tuesday 8 th June <input type="checkbox"/>	I will not be attending the session on Tuesday 8 th June <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	