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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Year 5 'Growing and Changing' Relationships and Sex Education Unit**

Promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of children's overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social and Health and Economic (PSHE) curriculum. This looks at many topics including physical and emotional health, all kinds of relationships, and living in the wider world.

In the next few weeks, our school will be focusing on part of our SCARF PSHE scheme to deliver some of the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) aspects of our PSHE programme to Year 5 children. It became a legal requirement in September 2020 for Relationships and Sex Education to be taught across the school, in an age and developmentally appropriate way. The design of the programme has taken into account the requirements of the statutory guidance, up-to-date best practice guidance, and the needs of our children. This is also in line with the Science National Curriculum, which states that children should be taught to "describe the changes as humans develop to old age" in Year 5. The National Curriculum also states that "Pupils should draw a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. They should learn about the changes experienced in puberty."

The lessons delivered to our pupils will focus on body changes and keeping safe. Your Year 5 child will be exploring these themes by examining the following questions:

- How will my body and emotions change as I approach and move through puberty?
- Why are girls' and boys' bodies different?
- How do I feel about growing up and changing?
- Which parts of my body are private?
- What kind of physical contact is unacceptable and how should I respond to unwanted physical contact?
- How can I say 'no' to someone and keep myself safe but without hurting their feelings?
- What are personal boundaries?
- Who can I talk to if I feel uncomfortable, or if someone isn't respecting my personal boundaries?
- Who can I talk to if I want help and advice or am worried about someone else?



During these lessons, correct vocabulary will be taught and shared with your child. Appropriate questions that arise from the children during the lessons will be answered honestly and factually. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. All resources that will be used have been reviewed by the school for their suitability and have been tailored to suit our children's needs.

We recognise that parents and carers play a vital part in their child's RSE, and we encourage you to look at this parent's support page for further support and ideas.

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/rse-for-Y6-and-P7>

If further advice/support is required or you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher, Mr Dunningham, the PSHE Leader or the Headteacher.

If after reading this letter you have any questions about the programme, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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