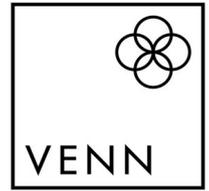




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Executive Head Mrs C Patton

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back!

As a school we have felt it was vital to help children settle into the new school year. For the first 2 weeks children were taught lessons from a Jigsaw 'Recovery Package' program, which focused on children's mental health & well-being, and included settling back into school and addressing any issues children may have faced with lockdown and Coronavirus.

Please find attached a parent information leaflet from the DfE (Department for Education) regarding the new **statutory** and **compulsory** 'Relationships & Health Education' curriculum to be taught in all primary and secondary schools. It contains information about what will be taught and the rationale behind it.

Most of the Relationships & Health Education at Griffin Primary School is taught through a published scheme called 'Jigsaw'. The lessons are taught from Nursery through to Year 6 and the content is pitched at the appropriate age of the children. There is information attached explaining the 'Jigsaw' scheme and an overview of what each year group will be taught over the year. The school also uses 'Jigsaw' to teach some elements of Sex Education. The Sex Education module takes place in the last half term of the school year in Summer term 2 and the jigsaw topic piece is called 'Changing me.'

As these new and updated curriculum changes are taking place, it is vital that parents are informed, and all documents are shared openly. This is known as the parental consultation process.

We are inviting parents to log onto the school website and view the school's 'Sex and Relationships' policy. This will provide parents with more information about this element of the curriculum. The policy can be found on 'Our School', 'School Policies' part of the website. Alternatively, use the link below in your search engine: <https://griffinprimaryschool.org.uk/school-policies>

If any parent or carer would like a paper copy, please ask at the school office.

Before the children commence any sex education lessons as part of the 'Changing me' Jigsaw piece, a letter will be sent out to all parents, so that you are aware of this and may wish to exercise the right to withdraw your child from some of these lessons. Under the new guidance, this is the only curriculum content that parents have the right to withdraw their child from. However, we respectfully request that you discuss this

with us before exercising this right. This will allow us the opportunity to have an open and frank discussion about any concerns or issues you may have.

As always, we welcome any feedback from parents regarding any of this. For any queries or feedback as part of the parent consultation process please contact your child's class teacher initially no later than **2 weeks after the date on this letter**.

Many thanks for your ongoing co operation

Mrs Cutts
(Jigsaw Lead)