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Year 6 - Relationships Education (SRE)

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 Children.

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) course. This looks at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical/emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of PSHE is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond.

Relationships Education (SRE) is an important part of the PSHE course. We will be teaching a lesson which will include these topics:

- Information relating to conception.
- The difference between myths and facts related to how humans are created.

During these lessons, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. To enable the children to be more comfortable, boys and girls will be taught separately.

As these topics are not compulsory – they are not part of the National Curriculum for Science, parents can withdraw their children from these lessons. (The withdrawal form is on the reverse side.) However, we believe that teaching these topics makes it possible for young people to have a place to discuss pressures, check facts and dispel myths. Even if a child is withdrawn many pupils will discuss such issues with each other outside the classroom – so, rather than hear about the content second-hand, we hope all children will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons. Parents are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching.

You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr L Smith Headteacher

Parent form: Withdrawal from Non-Compulsory RSE

Please only complete and return this form if you would like to **withdraw** your child from the non-compulsory RSE lessons and return by **Monday 1st July at 9am**.

Children without forms returned by the deadline will take part in the planned lesson.

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS			
Name of child		Class	
Name of parent		Date	
Reason for withdrawing from non-compulsory RSE during year 6:			
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