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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that in the Spring Term, we will be delivering Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) to all year groups in our school from Reception to Year 1. We believe that it is essential for our pupils to receive age appropriate RSE education, which is delivered in a safe and supportive environment. This is particularly important given the access our children have to technology, and the potential this brings for them to be exposed to inappropriate content. RSE is essential to develop the foundations of children's understanding of looking after themselves and of the characteristics of healthy relationships – both on and offline.

We will be using the Christopher Winter programme to deliver this education, which is a national and comprehensive and effective way to teach RSE. All content delivered will be age-appropriate and will be taught by your child's class teacher or a familiar teacher. We will ensure that the materials used for this education are suitable for each year group's needs and requirements. More information about the Christopher Winter programme can be found on our website.

We will consult on RSE with parents annually, and would like to hear any comments or feedback that you may have about the teaching of RSE in our school, being open to any suggestions, concerns, or queries that you may have. If you would like to make any comments please follow this link to access the consultation form which will be open until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

Whilst parents have the option to withdraw their child from sex education in school, we encourage parents to open dialogue with us before doing so, as we firmly believe RSE imparts essential knowledge to safeguard children and assist them to make informed decisions as they grow older. Please note, it is only sex education where parents have the right to withdraw, and this does not extend to relationships and health education, or that which is covered as part of the primary science curriculum.

If you have any questions or concerns about RSE teaching in school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have and you can also see the RSE page on the school website, which sets out further details of our approach and delivery <a href="https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/relationships-sex-education/141773">https://www.millviewschool.co.uk/page/relationships-sex-education/141773</a>

We are committed to ensuring that all children receive a comprehensive education that is delivered in a safe and supportive environment and we thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ali Gibbons



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