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Dear Parents/Carers

All about Me (replacement for Spring Fever) wb 10.6.19

Background

During the passage of the Children and Social Works Act in 2017, the government recognised that there was a compelling case to make some subjects compulsory. The government Department for Education held a consultation in 2018 about "Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education, and Health Education in England", in preparation for these areas of the curriculum being statutory for all school to deliver from 2020, (it has always been best practice to ensure the children are prepared at an appropriate age, to all these topics).

Their response to the consultation was published in February 2019. Their "guiding principles have been that compulsory subjects should help keep children safe; help prepare children for the world in which they are growing up, including its laws in relation to relationships, sex and health; and help foster respect for others and for difference. The content must be age and developmentally appropriate; provide schools with the flexibility to deliver the subjects in a way that will be most beneficial for their particular pupils, and be delivered in schools in a way that engages parents and recognises that they are the primary teachers of their children".

Current situation at Bilton C of E Junior School

Up until 3 years ago the Sexual Relationships Education (SRE) was delivered by school nurses, when this contract changed in Warwickshire, that service was removed, so all schools had to make their own provision. At the time Warwickshire was running a programme called "Spring Fever" which the school had the opportunity to join. The programme has now evolved and is offered to all schools in Warwickshire.

Following discussions with my staff and various parents, and through reviewing again the governments' response to what will be statutory, the decisions about what should be taught when, are the responsibility of the Headteacher. The one thing that the response did not do, was set out what content should be taught in which year group, that is my decision. So I have reviewed all the content and made some decisions.



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All about Me

This SRE programme links directly to our Protective Behaviours programme, which is fully focused on keeping the children safe. This programme is delivered each year in October. All About Me takes place for one week in the school year – usually the summer term. There are 5 lessons – one per day, which cover 5 topic areas and these areas are the same from Year 3 to Year 6.

1. All about Me
2. My Relationships
3. My Thoughts, Feelings and Behaviours
4. Me and My Body
5. My Choices and Personal Boundaries

Obviously each section deals with different content and each year group covers different areas. I have now reviewed all of this and I have updated the parents' leaflets in light of the topics I have moved. In the main I have taken childbirth out of Year 3 and put into Year 6, along with reproduction, which I have removed from Year 3. I have left in Year 4, the start of the changes that will happen in puberty to both boys and girls, but I have put menstruation and moved detailed information about puberty for girls and boys in Year 5. We will also have a much stronger emphasis on online safety in Years 5 and 6 as children are spending more and more of their lives in the on-line world rather than the real world and threats there, are stronger than ever before.

When we cover families, we will include all families that children could come across at any point.

The parent information sheets for each year group are also attached to this email. For any parents with further queries about the programme I am running a parent meeting at 6p.m. on Tuesday 4 June 2019 in school.

Time tables allowing, all 'All about Me' lessons will take place at 2:30pm. In the week beginning 10th June 2019. If any parent wishes to withdraw their child please contact me on head@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

Kind regards,
Mrs Norton