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Dear Parents,

### Relationship and Sex Education at The Raleigh School

During this term we will be introducing a new scheme of work for our Relationships and Sex Education which is part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum.

We are adopting Christopher Winter Project's 'Teaching SRE with confidence in Primary Schools', recommended by both the PSHE Association, a government-funded body, which supports the teaching of PSHE in schools; and Babcock, the largest integrated service provider for education improvement and support services in the UK.

Although most of our work in this area to date has been confined to years 5 and 6, with the focus on puberty and the changes that children face at this time, we have also touched on many of the key areas at an age-appropriate level throughout the school; for example, looking at names for parts of the body in Year 1. However, the new scheme will provide a more integrated programme of study with lessons appropriate to all children from Reception to Year 6. It includes topics such as keeping clean, families, gender differences at the time of puberty, personal space and relationships. Throughout, there is a focus on 'keeping safe'. It is designed to build on learning from previous years and revisits topics each year to cover them in greater depth. An outline of the areas covered in each year group is attached.

It is a statutory requirement that all children receive education which prepares them for puberty and this is included in the science National Curriculum. Other areas of the new scheme are not statutory and you do have the right to withdraw your child from these with prior notice, although we would of course ask that if you are considering this you make an appointment to see your child's teacher. However, we believe the scheme offers helpful and appropriate teaching to children and we would expect everyone to participate, alongside their peers, in this important personal, social & health education.

Should you wish to find out more about the new scheme, an information evening will be held on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6.00pm**. Please complete and return the slip below if you would like to attend.

Yours faithfully,

*K Hollingshurst*

Mrs K Hollingshurst (PSHE Leader)

Please return this slip to your child's class teacher.

**Relationship and Sex Education at The Raleigh School DATE & TIME**

I/We would like (number).....of seats for this information session.

Child(ren)'s Name(s) and Class(es).....

Parent/Carer's Name (Please print).....