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RE: New statutory curriculum of Relationship Education and Health Education 2020 plus invite to online information event Tuesday 30th March at 4.00pm.

Dear Parent / Carer,

You may well have seen in the national and local press that certain elements of Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) are about to become compulsory. These are the areas of Relationship Education and Health Education. As a school we should have implemented these curriculum changes by September 2020, however due to COVID-19, the Department for Education has extended this to April 2021. We know that certain topics within these curriculum areas may potentially cause concern for parents. We also know that elements of this curriculum are already being misrepresented in the media and so we wanted to give you, our parent body, the correct information about the changes that are coming and the chance to view, not only the new legislation, but also the award winning resource we have chosen to support your children's learning within these key areas.

We are clear that parents are the prime educators for children on these matters and we are committed to a home school partnership, which supports and is consistent with our duties under the Equalities Act and Safeguarding.

Classroom teachers will deliver the programme, with support from outside agencies as appropriate. There is an opportunity for pupils to work in small groups and exercises are adapted for differing levels of cognitive ability and developmental level. We encourage pupils to ask questions and we respond to their issues, concerns and queries in a straightforward manner, using age appropriate language and factually correct information.

To ensure your children get the very best teaching in these areas we have chosen to use an award-winning resource - 1decision. 1decision is part of Headway Education and has been kitemarked by the PSHE association - the effective governing body for the subject in the UK - as being a quality assured product. The 1decision resources have been developed over the past seven years and each module has been created by PSHE and Safeguarding experts together with schools, and most importantly children, and can proudly say they are providing resources to schools in 39 counties. As a school we are proud to say we will be using these resources and you may like to find out more about them by visiting their website: www.1decision.co.uk . You can also find more information within the parents' zone <https://www.1decision.co.uk/resources/parent-carer-zone> .

Aim high ... because everything is possible!



If you would like to know more about what your child will be learning you can find it by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

We are delivering the lessons in the summer term after the Easter break.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from the sex education element of the curriculum, but not the relationship, science or health education curriculum. The DfE have produced a leaflet for parents "understanding relationship and health education in your child's school: primary". This has been attached to this letter for your information.

If you have any concerns about the programme for your child, we are available to discuss these and the implications of withdrawal with you. We can also highlight resources and books so that you can discuss these important issues with your child.

We will be holding an information event on Tuesday 30th March 2021 when we will dispel the myths around the subject, showcase the new resources and answer any questions you may have. This meeting will take place over Microsoft Teams. If you can't make the event but would like to know more, or ask questions, please email: head@woore.shropshire.sch.uk.

An expression of interest in the event will be placed on the school survey on School Spider from later today. All those expressing an interest in the event will be sent a Meeting invite for MS Teams nearer the time. Please note the survey will close on Monday 29th March @10.00am.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs M Ward

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