

Friday 8th February, 2019

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)

Over recent weeks, I have heard a number of rumours regarding SRE, and how this might be taught in school. I just wanted to write to reassure you about how recent changes in legislation might affect what children learn in school.

The Law changed in March 2017, with changes planned to take place from September 2019, coming into effect fully from September 2020; this will mean that Primary Schools will:

- be required to provide Relationships Education;
- retain their choice whether to provide age-appropriate Sex Education

At Princeville, this will make **no difference, whatsoever**, to the curriculum or teaching your child receives. We will continue to teach children about:

- Relationships – friendship, family relationships, and dealing with strangers, but not intimate relationships.
- Understanding and building healthy relationships – self-respect, respect for others, commitment, tolerance, boundaries and consent (NSPCC).
- Health and wellbeing, including mental health and resilience.
- Online Safety
- Health, hygiene and physical development, including puberty (Year 5 and 6 only)
- Economic Wellbeing – financial awareness and understanding

For any sensitive topics covered within the curriculum, we will always write to inform you, and you have a right to withdraw your child, should you so wish. Please bear in mind that this does not apply to statutory aspects of the curriculum, such as RE or Science, only SRE related themes.

We are currently reviewing our SRE Policy, this is available on the school website, and we would be grateful for any feedback or suggestions. You can contribute via email, at feedback@princeville.bradford.sch.uk, or you can attend the upcoming PPTA AGM, during which there will be a feedback session on the SRE policy.

Please let me reassure you, that having worked at Princeville for the past nine years, I fully appreciate the trust and responsibility you give to the school and staff, every single day, we would never compromise this. Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to hearing your views.

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Lewis
Headteacher