

Linacre Nursery & Primary School

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'We're Getting to Good'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Linacre Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive taught programme of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

As you may be aware, from September 2020 the Department for Education is making Relationships and Health Education (Primary) and Relationships Sex Education and Health Education (secondary) compulsory in all schools. Along with other schools we are gradually introducing some of the changes throughout this school year.

What does the new guidance mean?

The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, it will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and will help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

All of the sessions will be age-appropriate and meet the needs of all pupils in the class.

How will this be delivered?

This guidance will form part of our school's PSHE education programme which is taught throughout the school from year 1 to 6 and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Nursery and Reception also monitor PSHE through the EYFS.

For more detail about our PSHE curriculum, please visit the school's website where you can find our PSHE policy. All teaching in PSHE will take place in a safe learning environment and be underpinned by our school ethos and values.

A variety of opportunities will be provided for pupils to ask questions to further their understanding and to find out more about what affects them personally. Our RSE programme is also part of a broader programme which is linked to our school curriculum. In science children are taught about the biological facts relating to human growth, puberty and reproduction (KS2). Other links are made to computing, which teaches about online safety.

What if I have questions?

Our RSE policy is available for viewing on our school website, paper copies are also available from the school office.

Additionally, if you would like to speak to a member of staff please contact the school on 0151 922 1466.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Conway

(Subject lead for PSHE education)

The guidance for schools can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education.