



# Oldfield Primary School

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## Health Education in Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a statutory part of our Health Education, we are writing to inform you that during the summer term in Year 2 we will be taught about "Growing bodies". From September 2020 this became a statutory requirement and parents do not have the right to withdraw from this aspect of the curriculum. We wrote to you in July last year and consulted the Oldfield Parent community in regards to what our curriculum would like.

Attached is a guide from the Department for Education which gives you more information about what Relationship and Health Education is in primary schools, and our RSHE (Relationship Sex Health Education) policy which explains how this will be taught can be found on our website.

### **Year 2: Everybody's body (Medway lesson 3)**

Pupils may have been using a variety of different words to name the male and female genitalia, but this lesson directly teaches the correct terminology for external parts in an appropriate way for the age group. It is important for younger pupils to know how to name their body parts correctly as this contributes to safeguarding—helping them to take care of their bodies and keep themselves safe. This is built on later in Year 4, when pupils learn about puberty and the changes when growing from children to adults.

The Year 2 lesson will include the NSPCC 'Pantosaurus' pants rule, which teaches children about privacy. You can find out more about this on the NSPCC website. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Your understanding of what we are teaching in school will enable you to foster positive conversations at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch and I will be more than happy to discuss it with you.

Yours sincerely,

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