

Thursday 15th May

Dear Parents/Carers

**RSE parent meeting - Friday 24th May**

This school year we have continued to implement the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Programme across our school called Jigsaw, the mindful approach to PSHE.

The lessons since September, have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (unit 1) and Changing Me (unit 2).

The Changing Me Puzzle includes, in every year group, 2 or 3 lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work and obviously the younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for later year groups. The Years 5 and 6 lessons look more fully at puberty and human reproduction.

As the materials are important, we warmly invite you to attend a session at school in which we will give you a transparent and comprehensive picture of what we are planning to teach in which year groups.

**Date:** Friday 24th May **Time:** 2.45pm **Venue:** Highlees Primary School Main Hall

We hope you will be in agreement with us that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this.

However, we do as always want to work in partnership with parents and carers, and also wish to inform you of your legal right to withdraw your children from some aspects of this work. Relationships Education and Health Education are statutory for all primary schools but we would value the opportunity to share these statutory requirements with you so you are clear about the curriculum we intend to teach the children, why we feel this is so important, and also the aspects parents have the right to withdraw their children from.

If you are unable to make that date, Miss Cooper will be happy to meet with you at another suitable time to discuss these materials, and all of the materials from the meeting will be available on our school website the following day.

We hope you, like us, will see the materials in Jigsaw as educationally sound and beneficial to our children, helping to safeguard them, and will look forward to sharing them with you and answering any questions you may have.

Kind regards

Miss Cooper

(PSHE Lead)