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Parents and Carers,

During the week beginning 19th October, children in Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taught a series of relationships and sex education sessions as well as some drug education sessions. This important learning should have taken place during the previous academic year but due to COVID this could not happen. Children in Year 6 will be covering their missed sessions in the Spring term and further details about this will be sent nearer the time.

These sessions are part of our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). Teachers will be delivering lessons that will cover a range of topics regarding relationships through a scheme of work which has been quality assured by the Association of PSHE. It has been carefully designed, taking into consideration age appropriate materials which is well matched to meet the needs of our pupils at SJS. Children will be encouraged to develop the skills of listening, empathy, talking about feelings and relationships with families and friends.

As with all learning at SJS, sessions will be conducted in a safe, trusting and secure environment with age specific material. As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents; recent parental feedback has indicated that the overwhelming majority of parents continue to be highly supportive of the relationships and sex education programme.

Year 3 children will cover Year 2 objectives, Year 4 children will cover Year 3 objectives, Year 5 will cover Year 4 objectives and Year 6 will cover Year 5 objectives. Current year group objectives will be taught in the summer term 2021. Please see below for the overview for each year group. A more detailed scheme of work for your child's year group will shortly be available on our school website for your reference.

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Year 2	Understanding male and female gender stereotypes Understanding the physical differences between males and females (<i>including naming private parts with their scientific name</i>)
Year 3	Explore differences between males and females and to name the body parts Considering 'touch' and that a person has a right to say what they like and dislike Exploring different types of families and who to go to for help and support.
Year 4	The human life cycle Some facts about puberty Explore how puberty is linked to reproduction
Year 5	Emotional and physical changes in puberty Impact of puberty and importance of physical hygiene

We are really passionate about all pupils having the opportunity to explore these important topics safely. If you require any further information or have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me by email or phone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ali McQuay (Subject lead for PSHE education – working days Monday – Wednesday)

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