



28th April 2022

Dear Parents,

This term, as part of their Personal, Social and Health Education, Class 4 pupils will be focusing on relationships education. The specific areas that will be discussed include:

1. to recognise that there are different types of relationships (e.g. friendships, family relationships, romantic relationships, online relationships)
2. that people may be attracted to someone emotionally, romantically and sexually; that people may be attracted to someone of the same sex or different sex to them; that gender identity and sexual orientation are different
3. about marriage and civil partnership as a legal declaration of commitment made by two adults who love and care for each other, which is intended to be lifelong
4. that forcing anyone to marry against their will is a crime; that help and support is available to people who are worried about this for themselves or others
5. that people who love and care for each other can be in a committed relationship (e.g. marriage), living together, but may also live apart
6. that a feature of positive family life is caring relationships; about the different ways in which people care for one another
7. to recognise and respect that there are different types of family structure (including single parents, same-sex parents, step-parents, blended families, foster parents); that families of all types can give family members love, security and stability
8. to recognise other shared characteristics of healthy family life, including commitment, care, spending time together; being there for each other in times of difficulty
9. how to recognise if family relationships are making them feel unhappy or unsafe, and how to seek help or advice

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from relationships education if they so wish. If you would like to discuss the contents of the curriculum with us, have anything that you would like us know about in advance or wish to withdraw your child from these lessons, please could I ask that you contact us by Tuesday, 3rd May.

Kind regards.

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