



Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's education at Southfields, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

I am writing to let you know that from Monday 7th June, your child will be taught lessons that are in line with the Department for Education's new statutory requirements.

From September 2020, Relationships and Health Education **are compulsory** in all primary schools in England. For primary aged children this includes curriculum content under two headings:

Relationships Education	Health Education
Families and people who care for me	Mental wellbeing
Caring Friendships	Internet safety and harms
Respectful Relationships	Physical health and fitness
Online Relationships	Healthy Eating
Being safe	Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
	Health and prevention
	Basic first aid

The DfE guidance clearly states the statutory requirements, i.e. what children **MUST** be taught by the end of primary school.

So, Relationships Education and Health Education **are compulsory** subjects and parents/carers **do NOT have the right to withdraw their children** from these subjects.

I have also attached to this letter leaflets that Jigsaw have created to help parents understand in more detail the new changes to PSHE. At Southfields we are preparing the children for the wider world and we want the children to respect all people and their personal choices.

Please take the time to read through these leaflets so you are aware of the changes and your rights as parents/carers.

As a school community, we are committed to working in partnership with parents. If you would like to find out more or discuss any concerns, please do not hesitate to email me on enquires@southfields.coventry.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mr P. Booth

(PSHE Subject Leader)