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Dear parents/carers,

Throughout their time at Bliss, the children take part in Relationships Education as part of their weekly PSHE lessons. In addition to this, the children also complete a Sex Education programme when they are in Year 5 and Year 6.

The DfE recommends that all primary schools have a Sex Education programme tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of their pupils so they are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and how a baby is conceived and born. Sex Education is taught at The Bliss Charity School in order to support pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development and their transition to secondary school.

In Year 6, Sex Education is taught during Term 6. The Year 6 syllabus is as follows:

Lessons focus on:

- Changing bodies
- Coping with changing emotions and relationships
- Different relationships – friendly, loving and sexual
- Conception and birth
- Sexuality and gender

Please be aware that classes are not separated by gender for Sex Education lessons, as it is important for both girls and boys to learn about each other's bodies, changes and experiences.

Parents/carers have the right to request that their child be withdrawn from some (or all) of Sex Education. Before a request is granted, however, I would like parents/carers to share their concerns with me. The benefits of receiving this important education – and any detrimental effects that withdrawal might have on your child – will also be discussed.

Please note that the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age (including puberty) and reproduction are covered within the National Curriculum for Science and/or Relationships Education, from which there is no right to withdraw.

For more details about the Sex Education syllabus in Year 6, please contact Mr. Colton (r.colton@bliss.northants.sch.uk) or myself (head@bliss.northants.sch.uk). Lesson plans/resources for all Sex Education lessons can be made available on request. A copy of the school's PSHE Policy can be found on our school website: www.bliss.northants.sch.uk/index.php/parents.

Yours faithfully,

Miss O. Thompson
(Interim Headteacher)



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