



Beechwood Primary Academy



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 children,

Relationship and Sex Education

The purpose of RSE at Discovery MAT is to prepare our students for the physical and emotional changes of growing up. We believe this programme gives students the knowledge and skills to make informed and healthy choices as well as to build their confidence and skills to deal with situations they may encounter. More importantly, this programme helps them to stay safe and know where and how to ask for help if needed.

Part of the RSE programme will see students having lessons on Female Genital Mutilation, (FGM). The children will learn what FGM is, highlight to pupils the importance of reporting concerns around FGM, explore the issue sensitively, identify myths and facts and recognise how FGM relates to the UN convention on the rights of the Child. We subscribe to the PSHE Association and Christopher Winter Project resources and use these to ensure that our delivery is consistent, appropriate, and informative. This content will be taught in the first week after the Christmas holidays.

We understand that you may want more information about this. Please speak to your child's class teacher. You will be aware that The Relationships Education, Relationship & Sex Education and Health Education (England) Regulations 2019 made Relationship Education compulsory, you will know that you still have the right to withdraw your child from the [non-statutory/non-science] components of sex education within the PSHE curriculum. This does not include the Relationships or Health and Wellbeing areas of the PSHE curriculum. You can view the DFE Guidance here [Relationships and sex education \(RSE\) and health education - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education) (www.gov.uk) and the RSE policy on our website [Beechwood Primary Academy](http://beechwood-primary.co.uk) (beechwood-primary.co.uk). Please speak to your child's class teacher to discuss this.

Kind regards,

Mr Paul Arnold
Senior Head of School