



**GRANGE PARK
INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that as of September 2020 we will be teaching the new compulsory Relationship Education, (RE), Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education outlined by the Department for Education (DfE). We will call our policy Relationship and Health Education, which is the part the Infant School, being Key Stage 1, will focus on.

Your child will be taught lessons on the five following areas:

- Families and people who care for me
- Caring friendships
- Respectful relationships
- Online relationships
- Being safe

The subject has been designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships, and to thrive in modern Britain. Be assured that the religious backgrounds and cultural beliefs of all pupils have been taken into account when planning and resourcing lessons so that all topics are appropriately handled.

We work hard to ensure that pupils are taught the importance of equality and respect and that all teaching is sensitive and age appropriate. Therefore, at the appropriate time we will teach pupils about LGBT families within the context of 'How different families look'. Our school is culturally diverse so teaching of this area of RSE is planned and taught with sensitivity to the different religious beliefs of our school community. It is important that there is no stigmatisation of children based on their home circumstances and needs. Some children have different structures of support and it is vital for children to learn that some families look different to their own. Tolerance of others is a British value that underpins the society that we live in and is an important virtue for children to learn.

However, in line with the National curriculum for science, children will continue to be taught the main external body parts, the human body as it grows from birth to old age and reproduction in plants and some animals.

Please take the time to read our school policy on Relationships and Health Education Policy and RSE, which is available on our website: <https://www.grangepark-inf.hillingdon.sch.uk/our-school/policies>

I value parent views on this area of the curriculum and welcome you to arrange a meeting with me through the school office. I can meet parents of one child individually. I will be happy to share with you an overview of lesson content and resources that will be used and I will listen to your views. Please be aware that parent consultation does not provide a veto on curriculum content and all children will be required to take part in compulsory lessons on RSE.

The consultation will be open until 18th September 2020 until midday.

For further guidance on the new framework for the teaching of RSE please download the following PDF from the DfE webpage:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/805781/Relationships Education Relationships and Sex Education RSE and Health Education.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/805781/Relationships_Education_Relationships_and_Sex_Education_RSE_and_Health_Education.pdf)

Yours sincerely,

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