



Headteacher: Miss R Fry

Dear Parent / Carer,

At Brackenwood Junior School we are committed to providing all pupils with a planned PSHE programme to allow them to gain the knowledge, understanding, skills and strategies they need to develop an understanding of themselves.

Since September 2020, Relationships Education and Health Education has been statutory for all schools. As part of our school's PSHE programme, pupils learn about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up, healthy relationships and keeping themselves safe both on and offline. Staff approach this aspect of the curriculum very sensitively and support pupils to develop healthy relationships while keeping themselves safe. In addition to this, staff provide factually correct information that follow the National Curriculum and the skills to positively manage the physical and emotional changes that will happen as they grow into happy, confident and responsible teenagers.

In Year 6, parents will still be able to withdraw their children from two lessons outlined below out of the unit. If you wish to view the lessons in more depth prior to them being taught, please contact the school office and these can be shared with you.

Lesson 5 looks at conception where pupils are informed about the biology of conception which include the menstrual cycle and how a baby is conceived. The vocabulary for this lesson includes sperm, egg, erection, fertilise, conception and sexual intercourse.

Lesson 6 focuses on pregnancy and birth where pupils will be taught about the development of the baby during pregnancy and what a baby needs. The vocabulary for this lesson includes sperm, egg, conception and sexual intercourse.

Should a parent decide that they do not wish their child to take part in two lessons above, we would ask that you speak to the PSHE lead Mrs Beesley to discuss your concerns or the class teacher. If you do decide to withdraw your child, you should inform the school office by email [schooloffice@brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@brackenwood-junior.wirral.sch.uk).

Kind regards,  
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