

# West Coker

Church of England VC Primary School



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Dear Parent / Carer

We believe that promoting the health and well-being of our pupils is an important part of their overall education. We do this through our PSHE programme of study. This looks at many topics including all kinds of relationships, physical / emotional health and living in the wider world. The aim of PSHE is to help our pupils make safe and informed decisions during their school years and beyond and Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) is an important part of this programme – becoming compulsory from September 2020.

Here at West Coker, we will be teaching lessons about RSE in the Summer term which will include topics such as (puberty; relationships and communication skills; body imaging; sexting and social media; domestic violence, consent.) During the course, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually and in an age appropriate manner. Each child's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information.

It is important to note that, there are some compulsory elements of our RSE curriculum that are covered throughout our Science programme of study and therefore, no child can be withdrawn from these sessions. However, parents/carers can withdraw their children from all other parts of RSE if they wish to do so by completing the withdrawal form attached. Having said this, we would like you to recognise that it is important for your child to discuss social pressures, dispel media myths and check factual information within a safe environment; so, rather than hear about the content of these sessions second-hand, we hope that all children will have the opportunity to take part in our carefully planned lessons.

In addition to this, we appreciate that parents/carers are the most important educators of young people in personal issues and many welcome the support that school can offer to supplement their home teaching. You may find that your child starts asking questions about the topic at home, or you might want to take the opportunity to talk to your child about issues before the work is covered in school. If you have any queries about the content of the programme or resources used, please do not hesitate in contacting the Year 6 team, at school. All materials used are available for you to browse through should you so wish.

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Philip Hyland  
Headteacher

**TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS**

Name of child		Class	
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Name of parent		Date	
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Reason for withdrawing from sex education within relationships and sex education

Any other information you would like the school to consider

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