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Dear Parent

Thank you for your feedback to our recent consultation. Please see below for a summary of all replies along with our response:

Your comments included:

- In my opinion, Year 4 is too early for sexual conversation.
- I feel sex education should be left for older pupils e.g. Year 6.
- I strongly agree that if sex is taught in primary it should include consent with both genders.
- I would like to know when at what age the NSPCC PANTS resources are taught in school as I think this is also important.
- Advance notice should be given to parents of exactly what will be discussed so that we can be prepared for follow-up.
- Teach kids using real anatomical names.
- Don't think it's necessary for young children to know puberty.
- 10 for all but 1 for sexual orientation and gender identity.

Summary of your feedback:

A substantial number of responses did not consider it appropriate to teach sexual intercourse at primary school but this was balanced with the majority of responses indicating that parents considered it is appropriate to teach primary school pupils about sexual intercourse as part of the human reproduction life cycle. Responses overwhelmingly indicated that parents considered it very important/essential for pupils to be taught correct terminology for the main parts of the body (including external sex organs), alongside the bodily differences between boys and girls in an age appropriate manner.

The vast majority of responses indicated that parents felt Years 5 and 6 should be when the male and female changes associated with puberty, including menstruation should be taught.

The majority of responses agreed it was important/essential for pupils to be taught differences that arise from a number of factors including: family, cultural, ethnic, racial, religious diversity, gender identity, sexual orientation and disability.



Our response to the consultation feedback:

We recognise that there is a split opinion about whether to teach sexual intercourse in primary school. At Carr Head, we have currently chosen not to include sexual intercourse (KS3 science curriculum) in the RSE curriculum. This will be kept under review.

Correct terminology will be used for all body parts. The list of key vocabulary used in each year group is available on our website. The NSPCC PANTS lessons are included in our curriculum and we will inform families before content is delivered.

Since some of our Carr Head children experience the changes associated with puberty, including menstruation in lower KS2, the puberty elements of RSE will be taught in the last term in Year 4 onwards. We feel that it is important for all children to be aware of changes that will affect themselves or their peers.

Our Carr Head family is increasingly diverse and reflects the modern world in which we live. Equality of opportunity is promoted at Carr Head along with the opportunity to learn about lifestyles that may be different to our first hand experiences. We will not promote one lifestyle over another.

Children will continue to be taught about keeping themselves safe and seeking support from trusted adults if they feel uncomfortable in any situation, this includes online safety.

All curriculum content is taught in an age-appropriate manner.

Many thanks for taking the time to feedback your opinions. If you have any further questions regarding the RSE curriculum, please contact Mrs Cooper in the first instance.

Best wishes,

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