



Joy Lane Primary School

A Love of Learning, for Life, for All

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Wednesday 8th May 2019

Oyster Bay Nursery & Oysters SRP (ASD)

Executive Headteacher: Ms D J Hines

Head of School: Mr M Ashley-Jones

Dear Parents and Carers

RSE Information Afternoon – Thursday 6th June 2019 at 2pm

You may have recently seen on the news that the government has passed legislation making Relationships Education a compulsory part of primary education. This legislation allows us to build on what we already do here at Joy Lane in supporting the children's emotional, physical and spiritual wellbeing and safety. As part of the School's commitment to quality PSHE provision and, in line with the new guidelines, children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will soon receive updated units of lessons on relationships, physical health and personal safety delivered by their class teacher. These lessons have been carefully planned so that they are age-appropriate and are based on research into best practice by the Government-backed PSHE Association, of which Joy Lane Primary School is a member.

The purpose of the upcoming units is to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on love and respect; this is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships now and in later life. The units will develop understanding and positive attitudes, which will help pupils to form relationships in a responsible and healthy manner and to appreciate the value of stable family life, including the responsibilities of parenthood and marriage in modern Britain. Furthermore, lessons will cover the physical and emotional changes that children face as they progress through puberty.

Under the new legislation, from 2020, there will be no parental right to withdraw children from Relationship Education; however, parents will have to right to withdraw their children from all or part of sex education that does not form part of the statutory National Curriculum. Up until this time, parents have the right to withdraw their child from Relationship and Sex Education, and you will receive a letter with an option to opt out at a later date.

To discuss our RSE policy and planning, we are inviting parents and carers to a workshop on Tuesday 21st May at 2pm; during this session, we will talk through the content of what will be covered in lessons for each year group and the approach that we will take to teaching RSE at Joy Lane. If you would like to attend the workshop, please inform the School Office so that we have an idea of numbers.

Yours sincerely

C. Manson

Dr C Manson

PSHE Lead Co-ordinator

S. Harkins

Mrs S Harkins

Assistant Headteacher

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Please tick as appropriate

I / we will be attending the 2pm workshop

Child's Name:

Class:

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