

Rice Lane Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE)

As a part of your child's education at Rice Lane Primary School, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme. PSHE education is the curriculum subject that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live safe, healthy, productive lives and meet their full potential. Whilst we have had a full PSHE/RSHE curriculum for many years, we have recently introduced a new scheme of work to keep us in line with the new statutory guidance. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values.

PSHE education is taught throughout the school in every year group and is monitored and reviewed regularly by the staff and governing body. Please visit the school's website: <https://www.ricelaneprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/PSHE-and-RSHE-Policy-March-2021.pdf> for more detail about our PSHE curriculum and to read our recently updated PSHE and RSHE policy.

This year we have introduced the Jigsaw PSHE scheme of work, which is a well respected PSHE scheme that covers all areas of PSHE at an age appropriate level.

We are writing to let you know that, over the next half term before summer term finishes, your child's class will be taking part in lessons which will focus on the relationships, sex and health education (RSHE) aspect of this programme. We understand that the mention of the words, 'Sex education' can create unnecessary anxiety for parents and carers, but we would like to reassure you that the focus of RSHE in primary schools is promoting healthy relationships (including friendships) and keeping children safe in the modern world. RSHE is always taught appropriate to the children's age and developmental stage, building on the previous years' learning. We believe that RSHE lessons are an important part of safeguarding children, as knowledge empowers them, helping them to stay safe and cope with puberty by understanding why their bodies will change.

Please click on the following link to read all of the relevant information about our PSHE and RSHE curriculum. Here you will also find a clear overview of the lesson objectives and content for each year group.
<https://www.ricelaneprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/content-overview.pdf>

While the teaching of RSHE is statutory, there are a small number of KS2 lessons that are not compulsory. As a school, we recommend that your child joins their class for these lessons as we feel that it important for children to receive this information in the supervised environment of the class, from a trained teacher, rather than from their peers on the playground. However, if you still feel that you would like to withdraw your child from these lessons this year, call school for an appointment to discuss this.



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We will also be providing an opportunity for you to meet with us to discuss the RSHE curriculum and any concerns that you may have about the content. These meetings will be held on the following dates:

KS1 Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 2.15pm – Upper school Hall

KS2 Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 2.45pm – Upper school Hall

If you have any questions and cannot attend the meetings please do email us at admin@ricelane.liverpool.sch.uk for our attention and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss Thomas & Mrs Saunderson (PSHE leads)

