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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a part of your child's education, we promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education programme that follows the PSHE Association the National Body for PSHE). 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. All PSHE teaching takes place in a safe learning environment and is underpinned by our school ethos and values, as well the overarching umbrella of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural development (see our dedicated [SMSC](#) webpage for more information).

In line with the statutory Government guidelines that were introduced in September 2020, we teach 'Relationships education' as part of our PSHE curriculum. Our Relationships policy reflects our approach to this subject area and as with all school policies, undergoes regular review.

We will continue to ensure that we cover the following main topics by the end of primary school, in line with this statutory guidance: Families and people who care for me; Caring friendships; Respectful relationships; Online relationships; Being safe.

A key part of our policy review process involves the partnership of Parents and Carers. We would like to continue to invite you to share your views about this important area of learning, as we did in 2020 and have therefore formulated some questions for you to answer through our Spider communication system. We would be very grateful if you could spare some time to visit the Government website to look through the information they provide about what schools were required to deliver to their children from September 2020: [Government Publications](#). It would also be useful to read through our PSHE Curriculum on our dedicated webpage: [PSHE at Vernon](#) This page includes our thematic approach to PSHE in line with the PSHE Association, which includes all aspects of Relationships Educations, as well as our current policies for Relationships and PSHE.

Your thoughts and views are an important part of the process and will continue to contribute to the shaping of the teaching and learning of this area across the school. We will continue to be using a number of high-quality resources and teaching tools to deliver this part of the curriculum, such as those offered through the 'PSHE Association', as well as drawing on our experience of teaching PSHE as part of the primary curriculum. Although Sex education is still optional in primary schools, in line with DfE guidance we will continue to deliver a sex education programme specifically for our Year 6 children. Parents will be able to withdraw their child from this aspect of the curriculum and more information about this will be available during your child's final year at school.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the spider survey.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Carvell
Headteacher



'Nobody else is quite like me'

