



# Ivy Lane School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: Jigsaw and 'Changing Me'**

As you may be aware, we deliver our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) learning using a scheme of work called Jigsaw. The summer term's unit is called 'Changing Me' - with a focus on growing up, relationships and sexual development. This unit covers the most recently updated curriculum for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) from the Department for Education.

We have previously run this programme for three years (2017-2019), however were unable to deliver this last year due to the Covid 19 Lockdown. In our experience, we have found the education to be a valuable part of every child's learning journey and feel all will benefit from a clear programme of RSE.

We will continue to use the Jigsaw scheme to deliver the RSE lessons as we have found these to be successful. The scheme brings together PSHE, emotional literacy, social skills and spiritual development in a weekly lesson programme. The RSE will be very much a continuation of their learning within the subject and we will ensure any learning gaps from last year will be clarified as part of the sessions taught.

Attached you will find the outline of the individual lesson focus and outcomes for the 'Changing Me' part of the Jigsaw scheme for every year group. This will be taught next term. It is designed to be age-appropriate and sensitive to your child's current level of maturity and understanding, while also being fully consistent with DfE guidelines on teaching RSE. As mentioned above, our framework is set within the context of developing positive relationships, family and emotional well-being. It is taught through a range of class activities including circle time, videos and discussions.

We recommend that you read the outline for the 'Changing Me' scheme to be aware of what your child will be taught. Please be advised that teachers are fully aware of the need for religious, family and cultural sensitivity and respect the backgrounds of all our children.

Although you have the right to withdraw your child from parts of the RSE curriculum, we would like to open up a dialogue with you, the parent/carer, on your views about the delivery of this curriculum to help us teach this as effectively and sensitively as needed.

We would therefore ask if you could complete an online questionnaire to share your views and thoughts that will help us best prepare for the lessons that we will deliver next term.

Please follow the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrf3wyZQM\\_YMZbyy5fGpmbfUzLoJNV9Ld1NE5n7VRQISuJA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScrf3wyZQM_YMZbyy5fGpmbfUzLoJNV9Ld1NE5n7VRQISuJA/viewform?usp=sf_link) to help give us the feedback on your thoughts about the RSE curriculum and anything you would like us to consider.



To ensure there is enough time to process the results and use this to inform our delivery, please ensure that these are completed on or before **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. You will see from the questionnaire, that there is an opportunity for parents/carers to make further comments on each of the questions. If you would like to make further comments please place a tick in the "Other" option box, and this will enable you to type freely into this section of the question.

Following this survey, we will write to you again with any clarification needed, or adaptations that will be made in order for you to be fully aware of the curriculum your child will be receiving. This will all happen prior to any RSE lessons being taught. Should you then require further support with your child, or feel that they need to be withdrawn, we will then ensure that you have opportunity to discuss this in an appropriate forum and arrangements put in place.

Thank you for taking the time to help us with this feedback.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Helen Lammin  
Head of School

