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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 – Reproduction and Relationship Education

I am writing to inform you that your child will be doing some work on human reproduction, puberty, sex and relationships as part of their PSHEC and science lessons this term.

Parents and carers are the key figures in helping their children to cope with the physical and emotional aspects of growing up and in preparing them for the challenges and responsibilities which sexual maturity brings. Schools have a clear role in ensuring that pupils are adequately prepared for their adult life. The staff at Witton are here to complement and support you in preparing your child.

The topic is treated in a sympathetic and non-clinical manner in the context of family life. Should questions arise at home you will realise they may be as a result of our work in school and you can be prepared.

Parents may not withdraw their child from the parts of Reproduction and Relationship Education (RRE) covered by the Science National Curriculum as these have, by law, to be taught. Parents may, following discussion with the Headteacher, request withdrawal from the aspects of RRE not covered by the science curriculum. In making this decision, parents should be mindful of two main issues:

1. How their child will receive this content;
2. The fact that their child will no doubt hear about the content of lessons from other children and that this may be an inappropriate way for such information to be transmitted.

Any request for withdrawal must be discussed with the Headteacher and the final request must be given in writing to the Headteacher with justified reasons for the decision. A copy of this correspondence will be kept in the child's pupil file.

If you have any specific queries, please feel able to contact me or your child's class teacher to discuss them.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Bradburn
Year 5 Team Leader