



# BROOKFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL YEAR 5 SEX EDUCATION



Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to the changes in the National Curriculum requirements in recent years, we have decided to move sex education to Year 5. The next unit of learning in Science, requires children to be aware of the changes that occur as humans progress from childhood to old age. This unit also introduces children to gestation periods in different animals, making comparisons and researching to find out more. As I am sure you will agree, covering such concepts without children having an understanding of where babies come from is very difficult. Young, inquisitive minds always want to gain a greater understanding and this topic in particular requires a great deal of thought and planning to ensure questions can be addressed.

During Term 4, Year 5, will be completing the Science element of the National Curriculum entitled 'Animals including humans'. As a part of this learning journey the children will be watching the Channel 4 programme 'All about us', in particular the following programmes:

**Programme 4 – CHANGES**

*Introduces children to the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty.*

**Programme 5 – HOW BABIES ARE MADE**

*Explores relationships, including friendship, parent:child:family relationships and adult sexual relationships.*

**Programme 6 – HOW BABIES ARE BORN**

*Explains how babies develop during pregnancy and birth itself; considers the needs of babies before and after birth.*

Following Programme 4, the year group will be split into boys and girls. The girls will watch an additional video about periods and the changes girls go through. We will then have a question and answer style talk with the boys about the changes they can expect to go through.

We feel that each programme will allow children to develop their knowledge and understanding of changes within humans, as well as, broaden their understanding of relationships and reproduction. The development of this knowledge will support their understanding within their science learning.

In compliance with the law regarding Sex Education, we now require your permission to allow your child to participate in these sessions. Please complete the slip attached and return it to school. Should you wish to come in to school and discuss the content of the video, we will be showing it after school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March in Heron classroom. Please indicate on the slip attached if you wish to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mercanton and Miss Birkett  
Year 5 Teachers

✂.....

To: Mrs Mercanton and Miss Birkett ~ Sex Education sessions – Term 4

I give permission for my child to participate in the Sex Education sessions

I would not like my child to participate in the Sex Education sessions

I would like to view and discuss the video on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 3:15p.m

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

