BROOMWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Together we believe. Together we achieve

Following our recent consultation with Parents about the content of our Growing and Changing curriculum, we are ready to deliver this to the children. I am writing to you to explain to you what your child will be learning during the **week commencing** 3^{rd} **July** so that you have advanced warning and therefore the opportunity to prepare your child yourself, if you wish to do so.

Under the Health curriculum, teaching children about the changes that will happen to their bodies during puberty is now a statutory requirement. Even though we understand that it may be daunting for you to think about your child learning about puberty, it is important that we enable the children to make sense of what will happen to their bodies.

Lesson I - How our bodies are changing through puberty

In order to gain an understanding of the changes that happen to both sexes, and therefore have a more in depth understanding of puberty overall, the boys and girls will work in mixed gender groups to watch the video clips that focus on the changes for both boys and girls; these are the video clips that they watched when they were learning about puberty in year five. This lesson is a statutory requirement; therefore, it is not an option to withdraw your child from lesson one.

Lesson Two - How a Baby is Made

Guidance published from the Department of Education provides parents and carers with the right to withdraw their child from sex education that is taught as part of the Relationships and Health curriculum. The only objective that this applies to is the one that will be taught in Lesson 2: How a Baby is Made. During lesson two, the children will work in mixed gender groups to learn how a baby is made. The focus of this lesson is quite scientific, with the children learning that the sperm fertilises the egg. If you would like to make the decision that your child is not going to participate in this lesson, please contact the school office before Monday 27^{th} June.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch, Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Cannon



















