

Thursday 5th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to the letter sent on Monday 18th September, I'm writing to you to share the findings from our PSHE consultation. We received 28 responses, detailed below.

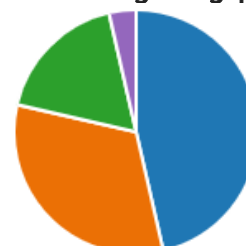
1. I think PSHE/RSE education is an important part of the school curriculum.

Strongly agree	14
Agree	10
Neutral	2
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1



2. PSHE/RSE topics taught in school can make a real difference to young people's lives.

Strongly agree	13
Agree	9
Neutral	5
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	1



3. I feel happy to talk with my child(ren) about growing up, sex and relationships.

Strongly agree	15
Agree	13
Neutral	0
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0



4. I understand and agree with the content of the PSHE/RSE policy

Strongly agree	10
Agree	12
Neutral	4
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	1



5. I am aware of the topics that will be covered by the PSHE/RSE sessions at Willington Primary School.

● Strongly agree	11
● Agree	15
● Neutral	0
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	1



6. Are there any changes or additions that you think should be made to the PSHE/RSE policy or curriculum?

Parental Response to Q6	WPS Response
One parent asked for more learning on basic hygiene and more on 'banter' type bullying to ensure children are not being bullied without realising it	<p>We agree that these topics are important, and the basic hygiene content is covered frequently.</p> <p>We will take in to account your feedback when teaching the 'Being Healthy' units in Years 1, 3 and 5.</p> <p>We have a zero-tolerance approach to bullying. Themed weeks such as 'anti-bullying week' are planned in to highlight and raise the profile of this topic. Please see our behaviour policy on the school website for more information.</p>
One parent raised concerns about being given the choice of opting out of certain topics for their children.	<p>Class teachers will send out half-termly topic overviews to inform you of the theme being taught for that half-term.</p> <p>You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.</p> <p>We do teach Sex Education and if you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. This request must be granted by Mrs Spencer Lovesey. The science curriculum also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.</p> <p>Please click here for a link to a RSE Guide from the Department of Education.</p>
One parent asked about Online Safety lessons on specific topics.	<p>Online Safety is mainly covered through our Computing curriculum. We follow the Project Evolve scheme for our 'digital literacy' and also offer one-off bespoke session. Age appropriate, relevant content will be taught in specific year groups around such issues as grooming.</p> <p>More information about our Computing Curriculum and the coverage can be found here:</p> <p>https://www.willington.derbyshire.sch.uk/computing/</p>

7. Is there anything we're not covering that you think we need to address?

● Yes

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● No

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Parental Response to Q7	WPS Response
One parent asked about the coverage of periods	<p>Puberty, and changes to their bodies is covered in Y4 through the 'Growing Up' topic.</p> <p>Periods are taught as part of the Year 5 Science Curriculum.</p> <p>If a child felt they would like to discuss periods with a member of staff we have an open-door policy and 'Ask It Baskets' available throughout the school.</p>
One parent asked about Online safety with regards to grooming	<p>Online Safety is covered through our Computing Curriculum, see above response.</p> <p>We regularly send out updates and resources for parents from The National Online Safety Hub.</p>
One parent asked about teaching about the traditional family structure and gender characteristics.	<p>At WPS we believe it is very important to teach children about all different types of family structures, as many of our children do not come from the 'traditional' family unit. 'Christian' marriage is covered through our RE curriculum, although it is not our place to teach the 'benefits' of this as this is personal opinion. We cover many 'traditional' stories through our Story Time Spine.</p> <p>We are proud of the wide range of literature available to our children in our library. It offers interactive, engaging books which celebrate the 'Protected Characteristics' and these are shared with the children from Reception to Year 6, in an age-appropriate way.</p> <p>We also believe it is important to encourage children to think beyond gender stereotypes to allow them to grow and develop following their own path.</p>
9. As a parent or carer, do you feel like you need more information or guidance on specific topics?	
Terminology	A guide to the terminology we use in school can be found under the PSHE curriculum tab on our school website.
Sensitive topics and when these are taught	All of our topics and when they are taught are available under the PSHE curriculum tab on our school website. Class teachers will send out half-termly topic overviews to inform you of the theme being taught for that half-term.

Online safety lessons	<p>Online Safety is mainly covered through our Computing Curriculum and we also talk about it regularly in classes and assemblies.</p> <p>Mrs Maynard is our Computing Lead and we have just joined the i-vengers project. This is a year-long peer-led digital leader programme which seeks to engage, educate and empower young explorers of digital technology and help them make safer choices online.</p>
Continued advice/updates on online safety	See above.
Resources for lessons	<p>All of our topics and when they are taught are available under the PSHE curriculum tab on our school website.</p> <p>The resources we use are taken from the Derbyshire County Council Scheme: PSHE Matters, and we will adapt them where necessary to reflect the needs of our children. We will continue to inform our parents when RSE is to be taught in the school year and be available to answer any concerns of questions they may have.</p> <p>Please click here for a link to a RSE Guide from the Department of Education.</p>

I would like to thank the 28 parents for taking their time to respond to our PSHE & RSE consultation. I hope our responses have cleared up any questions you may have had.

If you have anything you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Kind regards,



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