

# COATES WAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

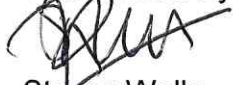
As you may be aware the Government recently made changes to the way that Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) curriculum must be taught from September 2020. You may also be aware of the negative reaction to this new curriculum from some schools in various areas of the UK therefore, the purpose of this letter is to reassure parents on how we will teach the new curriculum at Coates Way.

The school has recently purchased a PSHE resource called Jigsaw. This resource is one that Hertfordshire County Council strongly recommend to schools as it complies with all the mandatory areas of the curriculum that we must teach. There are six themes of work, one for each half term. The themes are as follows: Being Me in My World, Celebrating Difference (including anti-bullying), Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me, Relationships and Changing Me (including Sex Education).

Following the purchase of this resource, the teachers from Reception to Year 6 will start to slowly introduce these units to the children in readiness for the full implementation of the curriculum in September 2020. Parents do not need to be alarmed about what the children will be learning. As I mentioned earlier, there has been some negativity about the new curriculum but we believe that we are dealing with this in an appropriate and sensitive manner. Attached to this letter is a document for parents and carers with frequently asked questions and responses. I would urge you to read this first because as it outlines what is statutory, in other words, what we must teach and what areas of the curriculum parents may withdraw a child and the content of the new curriculum.

Once you have read this document and you still need further clarity, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Wells  
Head teacher

