



Hilderthorpe PRIMARY SCHOOL

Aiming High - Reaching Higher

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Dear Parent / Carer,

As you are aware we have been implementing PSHCE (Personal, Social and Health Education) programme across our school called 'Jigsaw', for the past few years.

The lessons since September have built children's emotional literacy, self-esteem and knowledge of who they are and how they relate to each other and the world in a positive and healthy way. We are sure you will have heard about the Jigsaw Friends and Calm Me time.

The Summer Term Puzzles (units) are about Relationships (unit 1) and Changing Me (unit 2).

The Changing Me Puzzle includes, in every year group, two or three lessons to help children understand the changes puberty brings and how human reproduction happens. There is a very serious safeguarding aspect to this work; obviously, the younger year groups are not looking at these issues directly and explicitly, but rather learning correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundation work for learning that will follow in later year groups. The Years 5 and 6 lessons look more fully at puberty and reproduction.

We hope you will be in agreement with us that this work is vitally important for children, that it needs to be done age-appropriately and that the Jigsaw Programme gives us a secure framework in which to do this.

We do, as always, want to work in partnership with parents and carers, and also wish to remind you of your right to withdraw your children from this aspect of the PSHCE curriculum. We hope you, like us, will see the materials in Jigsaw as educationally sound and beneficial to our children, and will look forward to sharing them with you and answering any questions you may have. Therefore, we are inviting you to a JIGSAW meeting to discuss any questions or concerns and for you to see the materials we will be using on:

4th June at 2.45pm – KS1 Parents – This will be a parent only meeting and children will be collected from their allocated places at the end of the school day.

6th June at 2.45pm – KS2 Parents – This will be a parent only meeting and children will be collected from their allocated places at the end of the school day.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Mrs Hall or I will be more than willing to help you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Thank you,

Miss V Wardle

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Lead Role of PSHCE

