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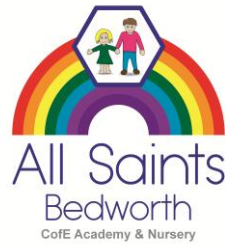
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“Learning and growing together to be the best that we can be”.

Notification of the delivery of the ‘Changing Me’ PSHE unit of learning next half term

At All Saints, we work closely with families to support children’s wellbeing and personal development. This letter explains the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) content we will be teaching this term, with a focus on Relationships and Health Education.

Statutory requirements

Relationships Education and Health Education are **statutory** in all primary schools. This means:

- All children must take part in these lessons
- Parents **cannot withdraw** children from Relationships or Health Education (including puberty)

Parents **can** request withdrawal from **non-statutory Sex Education**, which we explain below.

WC 22 June 2026 – Changing Me

The *Changing Me* unit helps children understand and manage change in an age-appropriate way. We will deliver this learning to pupils during **WC 23rd June 2026**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Children learn about:

- How living things grow and change
 - Body parts, using correct names
 - Privacy and knowing who to talk to if they have questions
- This supports safeguarding and future learning.

Key Stage 2 Children learn about **puberty** as part of statutory Health Education, including:

- Physical and emotional changes
- Menstruation
- Personal hygiene
- How to manage change positively

This teaching ensures children feel informed and prepared before puberty begins.

Sex Education and the right to withdraw

At All Saints, **Sex Education means learning about human reproduction in an age-appropriate way.**

We teach:

- **Year 5:** Conception
- **Year 6:** From conception to birth

Parents may request withdrawal from these non-statutory PSHE lessons only.

If you are considering withdrawal, please speak to your child’s class teacher so we can:

- Explain what is taught
- Listen to your concerns
- Explain what your child would miss

Please note: there is **no right to withdraw** from human reproduction taught as part of the **statutory Science curriculum** in Years 5 and 6.

How teaching is managed

- Lessons are taught by class teachers
- Content is carefully matched to each age group
- Teachers do not go beyond the planned learning

- If children ask questions outside the lesson content, they are supported appropriately and may be encouraged to discuss these at home

The table below shows the relevant lessons. Those that parents can request withdrawal from are highlighted in yellow.

Year group	Piece (lesson) number and name	Learning Intentions relating to body changes in puberty and human reproduction
Ages 4-5 Reception	Piece 1- My Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can name parts of the body.
	Piece 3 – Growing Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand that we all grow from babies to adults.
Ages 5-6 Year 1	Piece 1 Life Cycles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am starting to understand the life cycles of animals and humans • I understand that changes happen as we grow and that this is OK
	Piece 2 Changing Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same • I know that changes are OK and that sometimes they happen whether I want them to or not
	Piece 3 My Changing Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can tell you how my body has changed since I was a baby • I understand that growing up is natural and that everybody grows at different rates
	Piece 4 Boys' and Girls' Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can identify the parts of the body that make boys different to girls and can use the correct names for these: penis, testicles, vulva, anus • I respect my body and understand which parts are private
Ages 6-7 Year 2	Piece 1 Life Cycles in Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can recognise cycles of life in nature • I understand there are some changes that are outside my control and can recognise how I feel about this
	Piece 2 Growing from Young to Old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can tell you about the natural process of growing from young to old and understand that this is not in my control • I can identify people I respect who are older than me
	Piece 3 The Changing Me	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can recognise how my body has changed since I was a baby and where I am on the continuum from young to old • I feel proud about becoming more independent
	Piece 4 Boys' and Girls' Bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can recognise the physical differences between boys and girls, use the correct names for parts of the body (penis, testicles, vulva, anus) and appreciate that some parts of the body are private • I can describe what I enjoy about being a boy or girl whilst understanding we are all different
Ages 7-8 Year 3	Piece 1 How Babies Grow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand that in animals and humans lots of changes happen from birth to fully grown, and that in mammals it is the female who has the baby • I can express how I feel when they see babies or baby animals
	Piece 2 Outside Body Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand that boys' and girls' bodies need to change so that when they grow up their bodies can make babies • I can identify how boys' and girls' bodies change on the outside during this growing up process • I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with those feelings
	Piece 3 Inside Body Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can identify how boys' and girls' bodies change on the inside during the growing up process and can tell you why these changes are necessary so that their bodies can make babies when they grow up (introduce vocab sperm, ovaries, egg, Ovum/ Ova, womb/uterus, vagina and period) • I recognise how I feel about these changes happening to me and know how to cope with these feelings
	Piece 4 Keeping Ourselves Clean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand that as boys' and girls' bodies change at puberty, they need to think more about keeping clean and healthy • I know some simple ways of keeping clean which can keep me healthy and protect me from some infections

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have started to think about the ways to keep my body clean as I grow up and how I feel about this
Ages 8-9 Year 4	Piece 2 Puberty and Menstruation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe how a girl's body changes in order for her to be able to have babies when she is an adult, and that menstruation (having periods) is a natural part of this I have strategies to help me cope with the physical and emotional changes I will experience during puberty <p>Note – teachers will also recap the puberty learning for both girls and boys from year 3 and revisit some of the content if required.</p>
	3. Being Part of a Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I know there are many types of family and that often our family members form part of our inner circle I know there are trusted people I can turn to if I need help and support as I grow up and go through puberty I recognise that sometimes I may feel anxious about growing up and this is natural, and can identify people who can support me with this
Age 9-10 Year 5	Piece 2 Puberty for Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain how girls' bodies change during puberty and understand the importance of looking after ourselves physically and emotionally I understand that puberty is a natural process that happens to everybody and that it will be OK for me
	Piece 3 Puberty for Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe how boys' and girls' bodies change during puberty I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty
	Piece 4 Conception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand that sexual intercourse can lead to conception and that is how babies are usually made. I also understand that sometimes people need IVF to help them have a baby I appreciate how amazing it is that human bodies can reproduce in these ways <p>Parents have the right to withdraw children from this session as it is classed as human reproduction.</p>
	Piece 5 Looking Ahead 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify what I am looking forward to about becoming a teenager and understand this brings growing responsibilities (includes clarification on standing up for self, how age restrictions are there to help you, the pressures of misleading media messages around romantic/physical relationships) I am confident that I can cope with the changes that growing up will bring
Age 10-11 Year 6	Piece 2 Puberty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can explain how girls' and boys' bodies change during puberty and understand the importance of looking after yourself physically and emotionally I can express how I feel about the changes that will happen to me during puberty
	Piece 3 Babies – Conception to Birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe how a baby develops from conception through the nine months of pregnancy, and how it is born I recognise how I feel when I reflect on the development and birth of a baby <p>Parents have the right to withdraw children from this session as it is classed as human reproduction.</p>
	Piece 4 Boyfriends and Girlfriends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I understand how being physically attracted to someone changes the nature of the relationship and what that might mean about having a girlfriend/boyfriend I understand that respect for one another is essential in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship, and that I should not feel pressured into doing something I don't want to

Working in partnership with you

We recognise that you know your child best, and that learning about growing up, relationships and change is most effective when schools and families work together. Your child may well ask you questions about what they're learning - this is a positive sign of engagement!

If you have any questions about this term's PSHE content or would like to discuss any aspect of our approach, please contact your child's class teacher or me via the school office. We're always happy to talk through the curriculum with you

Kind regards,

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