



Moat Farm Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you to those parents/carers that managed to attend the PSHE Coffee Morning. We hope it was useful for you to hear the importance of the Relationships, Sex and Health Education in schools generally and helped you to understand the challenges some children may face when they grow up. After listening to the presentation, we hope you understand the importance of using the correct terminology when talking to children about private parts. Following the meeting, I wanted to address some key questions that were brought up.

- It is okay to say 'vagina' alongside 'vulva' when talking to children about female private parts. The reason why we use the word 'vulva' when naming private parts is because it aligns with our science curriculum of labelling the external parts of the body.
- Our PSHE scheme 'Jigsaw' focuses on the differences between boys' and girls' private parts which is why the main external names we teach are 'penis' and 'vulva'. If children ask further questions about other private areas, then we will use the terminology 'breasts' and 'anus'. Please note, these will only be used if the children ask further questions.
- Our PSHE scheme 'Jigsaw' recognises that all families are diverse and unique. To support children to feel represented, we use the resources provided by Jigsaw where a variety of families are shown. This includes children who: "have parents who are separated, live with a mum and a dad, have stepparents, live in extended multi-generational families, may be fostered or adopted, and some of those in parenting roles will be heterosexual and some will be LGBT+".
- The PSHE overview is displayed on the PSHE subject page on our school website which will support you to see the learning for PSHE over the school year.

As mentioned in the meeting, there will be one lesson in Year 1 and one lesson in Year 2 both taught in the Summer term about private parts and you will be informed when this lesson will be taking place (these lessons are statutory and must be taught to all pupils by law, therefore children are not able to be withdrawn from these lessons).

There are also some links to storybooks on the PSHE subject page on our school website that you can read/listen to with your child. This will support you with talking to your child about their body and different families. It is recommended that you watch these storybook videos prior to sharing them with your child so you are aware of the questions your child may ask and how you might approach these.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at elise.evans@mfi.school

Kind regards,
Miss Evans
PSHE and British Values/SMSC Coordinator

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