



Dear parents/carers

You may be aware that OFSTED, along with a number of other government bodies, have been raising concerns about the impact of sexualised content, behaviour and language on children and young people in schools.

Our school has been partnering with the Equilibrium project to find out more about our pupils' experiences of behaviours and attitudes around sex and relationships that are not appropriate for the age or developmental stage of our children.

Alongside the School's duty of care to safeguard our children inside school and outside of school, we also have a duty to understand the key issues children in our school face. We want to allow the pupils to discuss their concerns, support their understanding and tackle unhealthy attitudes. We believe it is important to include the experiences, viewpoints and concerns of our pupils and parents as part of the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum that all schools are expected to deliver.

With this in mind, we will be using an anonymous survey of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and conducting small 'focus groups' with a professional from the Equilibrium project to enhance and shape our curriculum. We will also be sharing a survey for parents to share their views.

The surveys have been developed by and team of experienced teaching professionals in consultation with PSHE and RSE leaders. The questions are tailored to include age-appropriate vocabulary around Sex and Relationships.

The focus group discussions will be led by professionals with training on age appropriate language and behaviour of children. The professionals are also trained in Safeguarding and are DBS checked.

This research is really important in helping the school to develop "pupil voice" within the curriculum. It will allow the school to incorporate the issues and areas that the pupils think are really important into the teaching and learning and create a bespoke curriculum.

We are writing to inform you that the pupil survey will be carried out in the school week beginning **9th October 2023**. No personal information will be collected or shared – individual young people cannot be identified.

There is also a parent survey that would support school in moving forward. A link to the parent survey can be found here, if you could support school to complete this:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FallingsParkParent>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school or speak to Mrs. J. Ebblewhite