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Parents and Guardians of children in 3rd – 5th Class

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Although November is RSE month in the school, children in 3rd to 5th class **WILL NOT** be doing SENSITIVE AREAS until March 2014.

It was decided by the school that we would postpone the teaching of the sensitive areas until then, due to many of the children in the class joining the school in August. This will ensure that all children have a comprehensive understanding of the rest of the RSE and SPHE curriculum. By emphasising all other content in SPHE curriculum, it will ensure that children are self-secure and confident and feel comfortable dealing with the sensitive issues in the curriculum with their peers.

RSE Lessons

- At all stages in the RSE programme the correct terminology is used for body parts e.g penis, vulva, testicles etc
- For each lesson in the RSE programme a home/school letter is sent out to parents detailing the content of the lesson, areas covered and possible questions arising. It is the responsibility of the parent to familiarise themselves with the topics covered. Additional texts, dvds etc used in the school as part of the RSE programme are available for perusal on appointment in the school and parents are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the class teacher, RSE co-ordinator (Lorraine) or principal.

Yours sincerely,

Helena Regan (Principal)