

# Woodside Matters

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## Fondest farewells

Mrs L James will be retiring on 19th May and she will be sorely missed by everyone in Woodpeckers class and everyone at the school. Mrs James has worked at Woodside for 18 years and so has helped a significant amount of children in our community. Thank you so much, Mrs James, for all your kindness and dedication to our school and we hope you enjoy your last few weeks with us and your retirement!

## Reading

"Inspiring a child to read is one of the greatest gifts you can give." Julia Donaldson.

For the month of May, Miss Waugh is organising a sponsored Readathon. This is to raise money to help fund books and storyteller visits for our local children's hospital at Gloucestershire Royal. School will also receive a book voucher worth 20% of the total funds that we raise to provide more books for our school library.

Readathon urges pupils to read anything and everything, from books to blogs, comics to classics. There are no rules, no 'expected reading age' books, no numbering systems and no limits! It really is inclusive! All that we ask is that you read as much as possible (every day!) and get your friends and family to sponsor you for reading more than ever. As a school, we hope this promotes our love of reading and will encourage our children to read for pleasure daily.

The Readathon will start on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, when your child will be given their sponsor form, and it will run until half term. We would then appreciate all money to be returned on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

KS2 will be logging their Readathon minutes online, and parents will receive their personal logins via email.

If you'd like to find out more, please go to [www.readforgood.org](http://www.readforgood.org)

We look forward to launching our Readathon!

## Queries about our pre-school provision

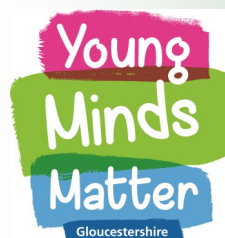
Mrs Phelps is your main point of contact for pre-school bookings and voucher queries. Her email is [admin@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk)

## Forest Food bank

We have been contacted to promote use of the Food Bank. individuals or families in need can find out how to access food by visiting the website <https://theforest.foodbank.org.uk/> or by using the e-referral system that school has in place.

## Relationships and Health Education

Please find attached a leaflet from the Department for Education about Relationships and Health Education. We published the school's policy for consultation before the pandemic and you can find it on our website under 'Parents' Info' and 'Policies and Documents.' Teachers will teach the GHLL scheme of work in June. There is an overview of GHLL's scheme of work on the last page of the policy. Please contact the school if you have any queries.



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# Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

Your child's school will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of its pupils.

## Relationships Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

You can find further detail by searching '**relationships and health education**' on GOV.UK.

## Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.



By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

You can find further detail by searching '**relationships and health education**' on GOV.UK.

## Your rights as a parent

The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued under this new curriculum. Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up.

Your child's school is required to consult with you when developing and renewing their policies on Relationships Education. These policies must be published online and be available to anybody free of charge.

You can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional non-statutory content. Schools are required to ensure their teaching reflects the age and religious background of their pupils.

Some schools will start to teach these subjects from September 2019 – if you'd like to know more, please speak to your child's school about what they plan to teach.



### Right to withdraw your child

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

Your child's primary school can choose to teach Sex Education. If you'd like to know more about this, we recommend speaking to the school to understand what will be taught and when. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the head teacher must grant this request.

The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.



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If you want to know more about what will be taught as part of the new subjects, the best thing to do is speak to your child's school.