



**Erdington Hall Primary School**  
SUMMIT LEARNING TRUST

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Erdington Hall Relationships and Health Education Curriculum Update**

As a part of your child's educational experience at Erdington Hall Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of Personal, Social, Health Education and Relationships education that gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

When we were in the process of developing our curriculum parents, who formed the working party, requested that we share any sensitive content before it is taught to the children, and this is the reason for this letter.

The next unit (Celebrating Differences) for Year 5 deals with understanding all elements of bullying including racism, cyber bullying and homophobia.

Children sometimes use racist language and terms without understanding their meaning. It is important for children to realise that no words should be used to hurt others and that all racist words are unacceptable. Just because they might hear others use it and accept it, they should not copy this negative behaviour.

In addition, children often use the word 'gay' as a derogatory term, sometimes without understanding what it means. Often children think it means 'stupid'. The most important thing is to emphasis that no words should be used to hurt people. Using the word 'gay' in a derogatory way is seen as homophobic and as such is completely unacceptable.

As teachers, we are as vigilant about this as if racist language is used. However, it is necessary to give an explanation what the word means. This will be done sensitively and appropriately with regard to children's age and maturity level. It will be explained to children that being gay means being attracted to/loving someone of the same sex in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship.

The lessons will be delivered next week. If there are any questions about the content of the sessions, please contact me via the school office.

Thank you

**Mr Coney**  
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