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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE TRAINING AND SEX EDUCATION LESSONS

Year 6 will be taking part in a St John's Ambulance Training Day on **Thursday 29th June**. The day consists of learning about breaks, fractures, basic resuscitation, poisons and allergies and emergency procedures. We feel it is very important as children have been able to save a life when they have the knowledge.

The instructors do use videos and Powerpoint presentations to illustrate techniques. Some children, who have an extreme anxiety leading to a physical reaction at the sight of blood, may find the scenes a little distressing. Please do let us know if you think this will be the case and we will take steps to assist your child during the day.

We would also like to inform you that, as part of our PSHE programme of study, all children in Year 6 need to follow a short topic on Sex Education. This covers the different changes that will happen during puberty and how it may affect their emotions and behaviour; general health and hygiene for young people; how babies are created and the development of the foetus during the weeks of pregnancy, finishing with a video of the birth itself.

All the areas are covered by a DVD entitled 'Living and Growing' for which you may find reviews online. Simple cartoons are used to illustrate everything and the whole subject is shown from the eyes of two youngsters becoming aware of their differences. It is recommended viewing by the Government and there is nothing controversial about its content. Year 6 are also given the opportunity to ask anonymous questions (within reason) about sex which are answered at the teacher's discretion in a question and answer session. Although most lessons are taught to the class as a whole, some of the lessons are specific to boys or girls only.

As parents, you have the right to ask that your child be kept from participating in these lessons, which will take place week commencing 3rd July 2017. If you wish to educate your child yourself in this area, please complete the slip below to be handed to the teacher **by Monday 3rd July 2017**.

Yours faithfully

A. Clayton

A Clayton (Mrs)
Year 6 Teacher

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Year 6 Teacher

Please return to your class teacher by Monday 3rd July 2017

I request that my child _____ in class _____ does **not** participate and is therefore withdrawn from Sex Education lessons. I will instruct them myself in these areas.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer Print Name _____

