



Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Year 5 Human Lifecycle lessons**

This half-term, the pupils in Year 5 will be learning more about the human lifecycle, as part of their science lessons.

These lessons will cover a variety of topics such as lifespan and the gestation period of various animals, including humans. They will think about their development since they were babies, drawing a timeline to indicate stages in the growth and development of humans. They will learn about the emotional and physical changes as they develop in to teenagers. We will discuss the menstrual cycle, personal hygiene and the rites of passage in different cultures. We will use drama to act out typical scenarios involving parents and children; look at the different viewpoints and discuss how compromise can ease situations. They will look at the meaning of friendships and where help can be found. We will discuss relationships found in our society and marriage rites. The pupils will also add their future hopes to their timelines.

During some of these lessons we will occasionally choose to separate the boys and girls. These lessons do not focus on sex and childbirth.

If you have any questions regarding this topic, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arashid'.

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