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**Subject:** Re: RSE

**Date:** [REDACTED] October 2019 at [REDACTED] British Summer Time

**From:** [REDACTED]

**To:** [REDACTED]



Warwickshire local authority wish to be clear that the All About me program is not sex education but is relationships education for children.

The county has been in touch with us since the article appeared in the news and also wish to say: The allegation that six year old children are taught “self stimulation” is inaccurate and simply not true. The picture shown in the Mail on Sunday was a screenshot of professional training materials, developed for the teachers who will be using the programme. This is not the language or material that is used in lessons. Teachers have asked for support, guidance and materials to give them confidence in dealing with specific issues or questions that may arise from children. This material is for teaching the teachers, it is not the material used directly with schoolchildren. The programme is an evidence-based resource which has been thoroughly researched and is planned and delivered in line with the national statutory Department for Education guidance All About Me has been in place in Warwickshire for over a year and was preceded by a similar programme which ran for six years. It is used by many schools across Warwickshire and feedback is usually very positive

The “All About Me” programme

1. This programme is evidence-based and thoroughly researched. It draws on a range of resources including NSPCC materials.
2. Relationship education is compulsory. If schools choose to take up the “All About Me” programme, they consult with governors, teachers and parents before signing up to the programme. At this point, they are given full training to deliver the programme along with ongoing support.
3. The programme is fundamentally about safeguarding; talking to children about how to stay safe. It draws on, among others, NSPCC materials. It is based on using age-appropriate language and materials and teachers are able to select the material that is appropriate for their pupils’ age, understanding and questions. The essence of the programme is about giving children the skills to make safe choices.

