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Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This term in Year 6, our Science topic involves the children learning about how the heart works. We intend for them to have the opportunity to explore the heart organ from a pig or a lamb as this is the nearest comparison to a human heart. This will be a beneficial way to have a real life experience in relation to their science learning.

A risk assessment has been carried out and the few precautions that need to be taken have been put into place.

The children will also be given an opportunity to handle the tissue and inspect the heart, if they wish to do so. In line with the risk assessment, if your child wishes to remove themselves from the lesson, for whatever reason, then arrangements for this will be put in place. If your child would like to observe the dissection, but not handle the organ, this is fine too. Please return the slip below if you **do not** want your child to take part and wish for them to be out of the classroom during this activity. The slip should be returned by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, as we will be carrying out the dissection on that day. If you are happy for your child to take part, you don't need to do anything.

The children always enjoy this activity and often mention it as a highlight of their time in Year 6. We hope this year will be the same.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Barfield      Miss Smallwood

Heart Dissection Withdrawal Slip

Name.....

I do not give permission for my child to take part in the dissection science learning.

Signed: ..... Parent/Carer

Date .....

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