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Year 6 Science Lesson - Heart Dissection

Dear Parents / Carers,

As part of the Year 6 Science curriculum, the children learn about the parts of the heart and its role within the circulatory system. We would like to make this experience as practical and memorable as possible so we have decided to dissect a real lamb's heart! This will take place on **Tuesday 10th October 2023**.

All of the lamb's hearts are halal and ordered from an approved company who supply organs to schools. The children will be able to handle the heart and cut (using knives) to view the internal structure. They will be working in pairs to do this and will be handling the heart. If they do not want to cut or handle the heart, they do not have to. We would like the children to look closely at its parts and structure.

All of the equipment will be sterilised. The children will be provided with: safety goggles, craft knives, a clear tray to dissect the heart in, latex gloves and aprons. The children will wash their hands thoroughly after the activity and all equipment will be discarded of appropriately. As well as the class teacher, there will be another member of staff supporting in each class.

Whilst we think that this is a valuable, hands-on learning experience, we understand that some children may not want to participate. If so, please let your child's class teacher know by **Friday 6th October**. There will be alternative arrangements made for these children.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 class teachers

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