

Plans to provide sex education for six year olds
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KUALA LUMPUR - Deputy Education Minister Wee Ka Siong said children aged between six and 11-years-old will also be given sex education in primary schools from next year to curb rampant issues of 'baby-dumping', promiscuity and HIV.

According to Wee, pupils will study the new curriculum which was designed with the help from parents and civil society groups, to have a better understanding of family values and ways to protect themselves from high-risk behaviour.

"Together, the lessons in primary and secondary school provide a comprehensive sex education curriculum that will help to reduce promiscuity, unwanted pregnancies, baby dumping, HIV infection and other social ills," he was quoted as saying in AFP.

Wee had earlier announced last Thursday that sex education will be taught in secondary schools with a weekly 40-minute class, "social and reproductive health education," for students aged between 13 to 17-years-old.

Last month, Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin said the classes were being considered as part of a plan to tackle the issue of baby-dumping where the number of cases reported each year has been rising.

Malacca has also opened the country's first school for pregnant teens, School of Hope, in September while non-governmental organisation OrphanCARE introduced the first "baby hatch" to provide shelter to unwanted newborn babies.