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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Parental Consultation

The Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. The new guidance focuses on healthy relationships and keeping children safe in the modern world. It also covers a wide range of topics relating to physical and mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and healthy relationships.

Consequently, from September 2020 Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education will be statutory and form part of the National Curriculum.

This means that we have been reviewing our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSHE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age, physical and emotional maturity;
- Religious and cultural backgrounds;
- Special educational needs and disabilities.

We hope that consulting with you will help to inform our schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would welcome your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE);
- When and how certain content within this subject is covered.

What is taught, and how, is ultimately a decision for the school and consultation does not provide a parental veto on curriculum content as schools are legally required to teach the National Curriculum. The right to withdraw children from Sex Education lessons is explained in the draft policy that accompanies this letter. As this is in Year 6 we will provide more details later in the year so you are able to make an informed decision.

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To help you understand the curriculum requirements I have attached the information listed below with this letter, a copy of which can also be found on our website.

- An overview of what the children will be taught in PSHE each year;
- Our proposed draft policy;
- DfE guidance that outlines statutory requirements;
- An online questionnaire <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7QD59MQ>

Yours sincerely



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