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Parent Consultation: **New Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Curriculum**

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2020, a new Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education curriculum is being introduced by the government. Relationships and Health Education will be mandatory for all pupils in primary schools from Summer 2021, with primary schools having the option to teach non-mandatory aspects of sex education.

The aim of the curriculum is to put in place the key building blocks of healthy, respectful relationships, focusing on family and friendships, in all contexts, including online.

The government advocates that high quality, evidence-based and age-appropriate teaching of the subject can help prepare pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life, and places an emphasis on keeping children safe.

Sex education is not compulsory in primary schools, although we are encouraged by the DfE to determine if we choose to teach some of the aspects of sex education to meet the needs of our pupils. The *DfE recommends* that all primary schools should have a sex education programme tailored to the age and physical and emotional maturity of the pupils.

As a school, we have drafted a policy which reflects this new compulsory curriculum and government guidance related to sex education. Our policy clearly sets out the Relationships and Health Education specifics, Science specifics and sex education specifics, including some examples of vocabulary, that children will be taught. We have taken considerable time to ensure that it is in line with government expectations, follows RSE guidance, is age appropriate and that all content and vocabulary lend itself to keeping children safe and to living happy and healthy lives.

A copy of the policy is available for you to read on the school website within the policies section.

You may also find the following guidance for parents from the government useful in helping you to understand the proposed changes and your rights.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/812593/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf



A four-week consultation period is now open. Your views on the policy are welcomed and should be submitted to the school office **Friday 27th November** in order for them to be considered before the final policy document is published. We appreciate that you may have comments about statutory content of the curriculum which we value, however where content is compulsory, we are unable to make changes to these.

Thank you for your support with helping us to provide a curriculum that is right for your children.

Yours faithfully,

Ms V Brooks & Mrs K Kennedy