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Dear Parent/Carer

Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education are now part of the National Curriculum.

As part of our school's broader Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools must consult with parents when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships between Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how particular content is covered.

The upcoming curriculum aims to provide knowledge and understanding of safe and healthy relationships based on respect. This is to encourage the development of safe and healthy relationships throughout life. The subject is designed to help children from all backgrounds build positive and safe relationships and thrive in modern Britain.

You have a right to withdraw your child from sex education delivered as part of RSE in secondary schools, which, unless there are exceptional circumstances, will be granted up to three terms before your child turns 16. At this point, if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.

There is no right to withdraw from relationship education at secondary level. We believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, and safety (including online security) – is essential for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for successfully implementing the PSHE curriculum, which we feel will benefit all our students.

We are looking forward to sharing further information in due course.

You are welcome to contact me to discuss the programme further.

Yours sincerely,

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