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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department for Education has announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) statutory guidance. These changes will come into effect from September 2021 and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

In light of these changes, we are reviewing our PSHE curriculum and policy, so we can be sure our provision is appropriate for our pupils based on:

- Age and maturity levels, as well as their cultural and religious backgrounds
- The values of our school community
- Every pupil's learning needs
- What pupils need to know to be healthy and safe in school, in their personal relationships and in the wider world
- What pupils need to know in order to be prepared for puberty and give them an understanding of, and the importance of, health and hygiene
- The importance of developing feelings of self-respect, confidence and empathy
- Creating a positive culture around issues of safe loving relationships

As a Governing body, we have already agreed that we will only teach elements of Sex Education as outlined in the Primary Science curriculum. Our PSHE curriculum is about the emotional, social and cultural development of pupils and involves learning about positive relationships, healthy lifestyles, diversity and personal identity. It involves a combination of sharing information and exploring issues and values in a safe and secure environment.

Our PSHE curriculum underpins our whole school ethos and in addition to this, is taught in discrete lessons. To help ensure our PSHE curriculum incorporates not only the statutory guidance, but also our school's needs, we are consulting parents.

Stage 1

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On line consultation due to Covid-19 we are unable to offer any face to face consultations or workshops. To help you understand the curriculum requirements we need to meet, please take a look at attached

- PSHE Association Long Term Plan and Medium Term Plans.
- Draft PSHE Policy for consultation
- Statutory Guidance from DfE

Parents also have an opportunity to respond to our proposed curriculum via a couple of simple questions, which will be available from Monday 23rd November to Monday 7th December.

For EYFS we will continue to follow the Development Matters guidance which incorporates Making Relationships strand within Personal, Social and Emotional Development and People and Communities strand within Understanding the World.

Stage 2

Following the Stage 1 consultation, we will update our PSHE curriculum and policy taking in to account any feedback or suggestions. Our new draft curriculum and policy will be available on our website for viewing. It will then be ratified by Governors. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this consultation.

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