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Dear Parents/Carers,

UPDATE TO SEX AND RELATIONSHIPS

NB: The consultation with parents for the below closed in April 2023. We have added a new video resource. This can be accessed here. If you would like to express your view, please note that you can still do so using the below questionnaire link. The video lessons will be shared with our Y6 children during the last week of this academic year.

[The video resources can be accessed here.](#)

Previous consultation (closed April 2023)

As part of your child's educational experience , we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our pupils. In our diverse society, children need to develop an understanding of themselves, others and their community and how we can work together in harmony. They also need to know how to maintain healthy lifestyles and relationships with others.

As you may already be aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to relationships and sex education following nationwide consultation. These changes came into effect from September 2021 and all schools will are required to comply with the updated requirements. The statutory guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

The 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, well-being, safeguarding and healthy relationships. Learning about the emotional, social and physical aspects of growing up will give children and young people the information, skills and positive values to have safe, fulfilling relationships and help them take responsibility for their own well-being.

As a school, we have already been teaching RSE (through our Health and Relationships Education) and we have a comprehensive curriculum in place. However, we thought that this would be a good opportunity to review our RSE curriculum and policy so we can be sure our RSE provision is appropriate for our pupils based on their:

- Age
- Physical and emotional maturity
- Religious and cultural backgrounds
- Special educational needs and disabilities

Whilst we are sure that there will be differences of opinion about this, we hope that consulting with you will help to inform our school's decisions and enable us to reach a consensus.

Consequently, as part of our curriculum review we would like your views on:

- Our draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). [Click here](#)
- Our Heart Smart overview which covers elements of the Sex and Relationships curriculum. [Click here](#)
- Our whole school Sex and Relationships Education outcomes summary including infant outcomes. [Click here](#)
- Our Y5 sex education scheme. [Click here.](#)
- Our Y6 sex education scheme. [Click here.](#)

In order to help parents and carers to understand the curriculum requirements, we have placed information on our website which we would recommend that you read together with the above documents.

[If you would like to provide your feedback, you are encouraged to do so by following this link to an anonymous Consultation Questionnaire.](#) NB please only provide feedback on the new video resources as the consultation for the policy and schemes above have now closed.

We hope that this letter and attached information answers some of your questions and concerns that you may have. If you have any queries or concerns regarding the consultation process, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

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