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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, forms part of the National Curriculum. As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, your child will soon receive lessons on relationships, sexual health and personal safety.

Schools are required to consult with parents and carers when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered.

Meetings for parents and carers will be held at school on separate dates for Primary aged pupils and for secondary pupils as the content is different. These dates will be communicated via Class Dojo, email, and text.

You will be given copies of the proposed lesson content we will be covering in the RSE curriculum and I will be there along with our Assistant Headteacher, Vincent McPoland and Science teacher Kris Lupton to discuss the resources that teachers will be using to deliver relationship, sex, and health education to pupils.

The purpose of teaching the RSE curriculum is 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 to thrive in modern Britain.

You do 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 At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.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 Relationships Education at secondary level and we believe the content of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught. However, we are confident you will share our enthusiasm for the successful implementation of our PSHE curriculum, which

we feel will benefit all our pupils. We are looking forward to sharing further information in due course.

Please see the link to a guide to parents and carers of secondary pupils, by the government:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5f2c2b988fa8f57ac88dc996/RSE_secondary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf

I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings where we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Scott

Headteacher