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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may already be aware, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), along with Health Education, became part of the National Curriculum in September 2020.

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 when developing and reviewing their policies for Relationships Education and RSE, which will inform schools' decisions on when and how certain content is covered. We held our parent forum in the Autumn term and it was requested that for lessons which may be of a sensitive nature or part of the Sexual Relationships Education programme, that we inform parents by text which topics would be specifically covered during that week's lessons. As the bulk of our SRE lessons are delivered during the summer term, you will receive a text from school at appropriate times when we are studying one of these topics.

The purpose of the 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 years 7 and 8 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 At this point, if the child themselves wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements for this to happen in one of the three terms before the child turns 16 - the legal age of sexual consent.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 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 the PSHE curriculum, which we feel benefits all of 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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