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Dear Parents and Carers,

We recently invited you to complete our PSHE and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) parental consultation and would like to thank you for taking part.

For clarification, sex education, the following definition is used:

*'Human reproduction and sexual behaviour'*

Including:

- How human reproduction can happen (e.g. sexual intercourse, IVF, surrogacy)
- Anatomy and biology
- Reproductive health, choices, rights and responsibilities
- Sexual behaviour and sexual health, risks, reasons, rights and responsibilities

As a school community we are committed to working in partnership with parents and all stakeholders within it and, as such, your feedback is invaluable.

We had many positive responses and useful feedback and appreciate your time and consideration of the curriculum.

Please see some of the feedback and our responses below.

Finally, If there are any parents/carers or extended family members who either have links to or are professionals themselves within any of our topics, we would love to hear from you!

A strength of our lessons is our ability to draw of the expertise within our community and for the students to hear from sources first hand. We will obviously be adhering to Government guidance surrounding visitors and speakers within school as a result of Covid-19.

Wishing you a lovely and safe summer,

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Parental response	Our response
Potentially a great holistic curriculum that can open up discussions at home. It would be good if we had a parent guide on how to have these conversations with our children at home if it is something you lack confidence in doing. You teachers do an amazing job. Thank you for all that you do in helping me raise my daughter, to be an open minded and informed young person.	Thank you for your support - please find a parent's guide <a href="#">here</a>



For a positive and healthy approach for everyone - it's good.	We appreciate your support.
I couldn't understand which part is compulsory and which part is not.	Relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education are compulsory
What can we apply to withdraw students from? I would like to opt out from a few aspects please!	<p>Parents have the right to withdraw their child from some aspects of sex education. This does not include what is taught as part of the science curriculum.</p> <p>Parents do not have the right to withdraw pupils from relationships education.</p> <p>Before granting a request to withdraw a child, the head teacher should discuss the value and importance of RSE with parents.</p> <p>Parents apply for withdrawal using a form in the PSHE and RSE policy</p> <p>A child can request sex education without their parent's consent from three terms before their 16th birthday.</p>
The parents' consent form with option to withdraw how can we submit that online? Please guide me thank you.	You can find this as an <a href="#">appendix</a> on the PSHE & RSE policy on the website you can complete it and email it to the Headteacher.
LGBT and gay relationships are against our religion / traditions so we wouldn't accept this to be taught as part of education.	<p>The statutory guidance says that LGBT relationships are part of the curriculum.</p> <p>Pupils may be withdrawn from sex education but not relationships education.</p> <p>All pupils are expected to have been taught about LGBT+ RSE by the end of their education. There may be a range of opinions on RSE but it is necessary to teach it in a factual way so that students are clear on their rights and responsibilities as citizens</p> <p>Teachers must ensure that their personal beliefs and attitudes do not influence the teaching of PSHE. They will be giving factual, impartial information which allows students to come to their own understanding and opinion.</p> <p>Teaching children about the society that we live in and the different types of loving, healthy relationships that exist can be done in a way that respects everyone.</p>
I would like my child not to take part in the following teaching provided at the school. My daughter is uncomfortable with this.	Parents have the right to withdraw their child from some aspects of sex education only. This does not include what is taught as part of the science curriculum.
I understand why the changes are happening. I would like to know when lessons are taught in school so that I can put what is taught in context of our own faith belief. I will not withdraw my daughter as I feel it is important she hears both sides of an argument.	All of our topics and when they are taught are available on our website in the policy. Dates of the PSHE lessons are on the website <a href="#">calendar</a> .

I hope the information is given respectfully and is appropriate for their age.	Absolutely, the <a href="#">Jigsaw</a> programme we use focuses on the facts and the law and is all age appropriate.
In the email there's no direction for parents who either have EAL or have low literacy levels as to what they can do in order to understand the document.	If you need help understanding the PSHE & RSE policy and anything please contact our EAL co-coordinator <a href="#">Liz Krebs</a>
Good to know that the school is taking into consideration parents views regarding this.	Thank you - we appreciate your support.